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FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND IMPERIAL TROOPS SAFELY EVACUATED FROM GREECE: MR. CHURCHILL DISCLOSES CASUALTY FIGURES IN COMMONS

AT LEAST THREE-QUARTERS OF THE IMPERIAL FORCES LANDED IN GREECE HAVE BEEN SAFELY EVACUATED AFTER ONE OF THE GREATEST REAR-GUARD ACTIONS IN HISTORY AND HAVE REACHED THEIR BASES SAFELY, STATES A REUTER MESSAGE.

CASUALTIES, KILLED AND WOUNDED, NUMBER ABOUT 3,000 AND 45,000 GOT AWAY FROM THE GREEK MAINLAND.

YESTERDAY'S COMMUNIQUE FROM HEADQUARTERS SAID THAT THE WITHDRAWAL WAS CONTINUING SATISFACTORILY.

Extravagant Claims Made By The Enemy

In announcing this to the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, said:

"As I am most anxious to give the House, the nation and the Empire information at the earliest possible moment and also in view of the extravagant claims made by the enemy, I think it right now to give the figures on the evacuation of Empire forces from Greece."

"Up to the time that the evacuation seemed to be inevitable, we had landed about 60,000 troops in Greece, and of that total at least 45,000 have been evacuated."

FURTHER SACRIFICE OF B.E.F. WOULD HAVE BEEN IN VAIN: GREEK NOTE

LONDON, April 30 (BWS)—The translation of the document in which the Greek Government on April 21 informed His Majesty's Government that a further sacrifice of the British Expeditionary Force would be in vain and advised its withdrawal, is now published.

It is as follows:—

"The Greek Government, while expressing to the British Government and to the gallant Imperial troops of their gratitude for the aid which they have extended to Greece in her defence against the unjust aggressor, are obliged to make the following statement:

"After having conducted more than six months of victorious struggle against strongly superior enemy forces, the Greek army has now reached the state of exhaustion and, moreover, finds itself completely deprived of certain resources indispensable for the pursuit of war, such as munitions, motorized vehicles and aeroplanes—resources with which it was, in any case, inadequately supplied from the outbreak of hostilities—this state of things makes it impossible for the Greeks to continue the struggle with any chance of success and deprives them of all hope of being able to lend some assistance to their valiant allies."

"Any useful effect would have no other result than to bring the collapse of the Greek army and bloodshed useless to the Allied forces."

"Consequently, the Royal Government is obliged to state that further sacrifice of the British Expeditionary Force would be in vain and that its withdrawal in time seems to be rendered necessary by circumstances and by interests common to the struggle."

Remarkable Performance By Air Force

"CONSIDERING THAT OUR AIR FORCE, THROUGH THE SUPERIORITY OF ENEMY FORCES, HAD TO LEAVE THE AIRFIELDS FROM WHICH IT COULD LEND EFFECTIVE POWER TO THE RETREAT OF THE TROOPS, AND ONLY A SMALL PORTION COULD COVER THE PORTS OF EM-BARKATION, THIS MUST BE CONSIDERED REMARK-ABLE."

"The conduct of our troops and the establishing of our rear-guard merits the highest praise. This is the first instance that air power has failed to break the discipline and order of marching columns, in addition to the fact that we were pursued by three German armoured divisions and the whole strength of the mechanized force which could be brought to bear."

Mr. Churchill said that there were about 3,000 casualties killed and wounded and this was a very small number when compared with the losses inflicted on the Germans.

"Some times for two days at a time," he added, "we brought the enemy to a standstill with forces one-fifth of their number."

LOUD CHEERS

The House cheered loudly when Mr. Churchill said, "I don't say that it will be possible to give a fuller account in the coming debate but I have said enough to show the House that, painful as our losses are, we have much to be thankful for."

Replying to supplementary questions, Mr. Churchill said that the figure of 45,000 was based only on information as it was given to him, and added that heavy equipment could not, of course, be removed, but he pointed out that the Germans had no shortage of heavy equipment.

TOMISLAV "SOLD"

SHANGHAI, April 30 (Reuter)—The incident is now considered closed, state the Japanese authorities today concerning the fate of the Yugoslav steamer Tomislav.

The steamer has now been duly "sold" to Lloyd Triestino interests and it will be regarded as a part of the Italian merchant fleet, they state.

NO NEWS OF OPERATIONS IN GREECE

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter)—There has been no news of the operations in Greece since Tuesday night's Cairo communique which stated that British and Anzac troops continued their withdrawal. Commenting on the Balkan situation, Moscow Radio says that despite the loss of their positions in Greece, the situation of the British in the East Mediterranean remains stable.

The Axis advance through the Western Desert, according to the Moscow Radio, is still fraught with enormous difficulties while the control of the Red Sea secured the lifeline for supplies and reinforcements for British armies in Egypt.

VICTORY CERTAIN
CANEIA, Apr. 30 (Reuter)—"The struggle is hard but victory is certain," declared M. Aristide Dimi-tratos, Secretary-General of the National Labour Council of Greece in a manifesto issued in Crete for the Labour Day.

The manifesto says: "Workers of Great Britain and other Allied countries, we make a vow that May 1, 1942 will mark the end of frightful carnage and the triumph of moral forces and social justice."

Addressing himself to the workers of subjugated Greece, M. Dimi-tratos promises "we will remain trusty soldiers in the fight for your national and social emancipation."

The manifesto was also addressed to workers of America, Russia and all neutral countries to whom M. Dimi-tratos says: "It is in you that we place our trust during this implacable struggle."

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Transport Of War Materials Across Russia Is Prohibited

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter)—A Soviet Government decree prohibiting the transport of war materials across Russia is noted with interest here.

JAPANESE DISPLEASED
LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter)—The Soviet Government's decision, signed by the Foreign Trade Commissar yesterday, to prohibit the passage of war material through the Soviet Union has caused lively displeasure in Japanese military circles, says a Shanghai despatch to the Independent French Agency.

The Japanese declare that the immediate consequence of the Soviet decree will be to render inoperative the recent German-Japanese agreement providing for the exchange of German aircraft and arms in return for certain naval units.

CHINA NOT AFFECTED
CHUNGKING, Apr. 30 (Reuter)—The Soviet ruling in banning the transit of war materials is not expected to affect supplies to China.

It is emphasized that the Burma Road always was, and will be, China's main supply route after the Japanese occupation of North-east Indo-China.

Today's News Summary

A STATEMENT ON the evacuation of Imperial forces from Greece was made by the British Prime Minister in the House of Commons yesterday. The text of a document from the Greek Government to His Majesty's Government is also published.

IT WAS DISCLOSED by the Chief of Operations, Admiral Stark, that substantial portions of the U.S. naval expansion programme are running ahead of schedule. The aircraft-carrier programme alone would give America the most mobile and most powerful fleet air arm in existence.

MANNHEIM WAS RAIDED by bombers of the Royal Air Force on Tuesday night while Plymouth was once again the main target of enemy air activity over Britain. It is feared that casualties will be heavy.

TWELVE THOUSAND fully-equipped German troops have landed in Finland according to the Moscow Wireless.

THE PASSAGE OF war materials across Russia has been prohibited according to a decree announced in Moscow.

A STATEMENT ON the defences of Malaya has been made by the British Commander-in-Chief in the Far East.

UNITED STATES NAVAL EXPANSION PROGRAMME AHEAD OF SCHEDULE



ADMIRAL STARK

Working For Balanced Fleet—Adm. Stark: Expansion Of Air Arm

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (Reuter)—Substantial portions of the United States naval expansion programme are running ahead of schedule, the Chief of Naval Operations, ADMIRAL HAROLD R. STARK, told the United States Chamber of Commerce today.

The United States would share its resources to the limit of its security, he added.

This statement has caused speculation as to whether further transfers of naval vessels to Britain are imminent.

Admiral Stark also said: "We are working for a balanced fleet with proper proportion of capital ships, cruisers, aircraft-carriers, submarines, light craft, fast auxiliaries and underwater defences."

"Our aircraft-carrier programme alone will give us the most mobile and the most powerful Fleet air arm in existence."

Admiral Stark also disclosed that United States neutrality patrols are operating at some points as much as 2,000 miles from American shores.

SURVEY OF AVIATION

President Roosevelt announces he is requesting a survey to be made of the civil aviation facilities in the United States to see how many planes can be bought for the defence of the democracy.

The President said he has asked Mr. Jesse Jones, Secretary of Commerce, to make a survey of all civilian air lines to determine the number of planes obtainable. He said there is a great need for them and it is hoped that a substantial number is available to be taken over.

He added that he wanted the information quickly but declined to say where the planes would go or what types were most desired.

FIX PRICES
Powers to fix prices, in the effort to forestall any runaway price inflation, may be sought by Mr. Roosevelt from Congress, the President's Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early told newsmen yesterday.

The President will discuss the matter with Mr. Leon Henderson, price stabilisation official, under the defence programme.

12,000 GERMAN TROOPS LAND IN FINLAND

LONDON, Apr. 30 (British Wireless)—The landing in Finland of 12,000 German troops fully equipped, has been announced in the Soviet newspaper PRAVDA and also broadcast over the Moscow Wireless.

No confirmation of this report has yet reached London from any other source.

Meanwhile, however, it is re-collected that there is an arrangement in which the Finnish Government has unfortunately acquiesced whereby German troops stationed in North Norway going on or returning from leave are granted transit facilities through Finland.

GIVEN LEAVE
It is considered possible here that with the end of winter, a somewhat larger number of troops may have been given leave. This may have given rise to the report.

It is further noted that under the agreement, the numbers going through Finland in either direction should be approximately equal. Apparently, the agreement does not include permission for the transit of military equipment.

BOMBAY, April 30 (Reuter)—When the trial of two Parsi employees of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha in Bombay, under the Defence India Rules, was taken up yesterday, the police prosecutor suggested the trial be held in camera. The defence counsel agreeing, the magistrate adjourned the case to May 2.

MAN DIES AT AGE OF 140

CALCUTTA, April 30 (Reuter)—Assam's oldest resident has just died, aged 140.

The veteran, who is named Sar Rongfa, is survived by his wife, aged 123.

She declares she feels as strong as any of her grand-children.

Sar Rongfa held the post of village headman in the interior of Assam until his death and he still had a strong set of teeth.

MALTA HARBOUR BOMBED

MALTA, Apr. 30 (Reuter)—The harbours were the main target of two enemy air attacks on Malta on Monday night. It was officially announced yesterday.

Bombs also fell in a wide area causing considerable damage to civilian property and a few civilian casualties.

Yesterday morning, enemy aircraft carried out two reconnaissance flights without incident.

An Important Step In Monetary Co-operation

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter)—THE TIMES, in an editorial, welcoming the ANGLO-AMERICAN CURRENCY AGREEMENTS WITH CHINA, says these agreements constitute an important step in monetary co-operation between the UNITED STATES on one side and CHINA on the other.

MOREOVER, THEY EXPRESS THE FRIENDSHIP AND SYMPATHY FELT BY THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES FOR THE PEOPLE OF CHINA.

Their importance is appreciated in Chungking where they are warmly welcomed and they are likely to be criticised in Japan but that cannot be helped.

No amount of Japanese criticism is likely to deflect the British and American Governments.

In the World of Sports

SOFTBALL NOTES

LADIES' INTERNATIONAL FINAL DISAPPOINTMENT

Gloria Mar Best Fielder: Batting Prize Won By Yvonne Yolle

BY "R.O.Y."

Disappointing the many fans who expected to see the International crown change hands, PORTUGAL succumbed to CHINA by the comparatively wide margin of thirteen tallies to five, in the last ladies' match of the season. Also in the nature of a surprise was the convincing victory of the INDIANS over the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in the Men's section, the reigning champions retaining the Falconer Shield by six markers to two.

The Portuguese lassies started off in fine style to hold the Chinese scoreless in the first two frames while they themselves took a slim lead through Lella Xavier in the last half of the second, but rattled badly in the third stanza to allow the Chinese lassies to garner four counters on as many hits.

After the losers had reduced the margin with a single counter through Therese Noronha, the winners put game on ice with a five-run barrage in the fourth, all these runs crossing the pan after two were out.

Rente Yuen whiffed the breeze for the first erasure and Mary Ng followed with a pop-fly to Irene Castilho. Doris Mar singled to right, Mary Mar beat out a bunt. Ulian Khoo singled to left, Lily Mar slashed one to the same spot. Gloria Mar was given a life on Therese Noronha's miscue and Irene Ferreira muffed Thelma Colliaco stop-and-throw off Dot Louie's grounder in this eventful frame.

BEYOND DOUBT

Lella Xavier and Thelma Colliaco, tallied for the Portuguese in their half of the same inning only for the Chinese to put the issue beyond doubt with three tallies in the sixth and another in the seventh.

The Chinese lassies fully deserved their victory as they found opposing hurler Thelma Colliaco for a total of thirteen safeties.

ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 10th May, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 1st May, 1941.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

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THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

The May Race Meeting will be held at Areia Preta, Macao on Sunday 4th May, 1941, commencing at 3.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

Admission to Members' Enclosure: \$1; Public Stand: 50 cents.

By Order,

T. A. MARTIN & CO.,

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Hong Kong, 30th April, 1941.

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REVISED TENNIS FIXTURES

The following are this Week's revised matches in the Colony Open and Club Tennis Championships:—

THURSDAY, MAY 1

CLUB SINGLES (Semi-Finals):—R. E. Guest v. M. Pagh; C. H. R. Oxlade v. F. W. Carter.

CLUB H'CAP DOUBLES:—L. M. S. Lloyd and A. D. Humphreys (-3/8) v. R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (-3/8).

FRIDAY, MAY 2

OPEN SINGLES (Semi-Final):—S. A. Rumjahn v. Tsui Wai-pui.

CLUB H'CAP SINGLES (Final):—W. Sewell (-4/8) v. T. J. Gould (-15/2).

CLUB H'CAP MIXED DOUBLES (Semi-Final):—C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (-4/8) v. J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-1/5).

OPEN FINALS

The Finals of the Open Singles and Open Doubles will be decided at the Stand Court the following week, on Wednesday, May 7, and Friday, May 9, respectively.

CHARITY SOCCER ENCOUNTER

Eastern And Sing Tao Draw

There was a large crowd present at the football match yesterday at Caroline Hill when SING TAO and EASTERN drew, each side scoring twice.

The match was in aid of funds for a new library of the Chinese Young Men's Journalist Association, and prior to the kick-off, the Chairman, Mr. Kuo To-po, presented the captains of the teams with flags as souvenirs.

Lee Tin-sang made a welcome appearance for Sing Tao after the recent injury to his arm. Reshuffles were made by both teams and Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao) was on the left wing and Cheung Kam-hoi (Eastern) at centre-half.

From the start, Eastern attacked strongly and it was not long before HAU CHING-to opened their score. Receiving a pass from C. T. Tsao, he ran through to beat the goalkeeper with a well-placed shot. Sing Tao then came in for their share of the play, and TANG KWONG-SUM levelled the score from a centre. FUNG KING-CHEONG gave his side the lead.

EASTERN PRESS

In the second half, however, Sing Tao fell away, badly allowing Eastern to continually put on pressure in the goal area, and it was not long before V. K. HYU equalised with a beautiful first-timer.

Kwok Ying-ki and Fung King-cheong were the pick of the Sing Tao forwards, while Lee Tin-sang and Hau Yung-sang, at full-back, played very well to cover a very weak intermediate trio.

Eastern were best served in attack, although their shooting left much to be desired. Hau Ching-to was the best on view. Cheung Kam-hoi in the pivotal position, played remarkably well and worked like a trojan.

The following were the teams:—EASTERN:—Lau Hin-hon; Ng Kee-cheong, Yim Tse-hing; Lau Tse-chen, Cheung Kam-hoi, Tsui Wing-tum; Li Wai-lam, Chung Yung-sun, V. K. Hyu, C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-to.

SING TAO:—Yu Yim-tak; Hau Yung-sang, Lee Tin-sang; Lau Tin-sun, Sin Yau-sang, Fung Kwai-shing; Tang Kwong-sum, Yeung Shui-yick, Kwok Ying-ki, Ip Pak-wa and Fung King-cheong.

BEST FIELDER

During the week, the Management Committee of the Softball Association met to decide the winners of the prizes presented by "Purity Water" Johnny Pearne. Gloria Mar was selected as the best fielder for which she gets a fielder's glove and Yvonne Yolle got the nod for batting.

The Men's prizes were, of course, decided by fully kept records, Ernie Hearther and "Cyclone" Baker, topping the fielding and batting averages respectively.

TSUI BROTHERS ENTER FINAL WITH EASE

BY "SERVER"

Defeating G. W. SEWELL and D. M. MACDOUGALL in three straight sets at the Stand Court yesterday, TSUI WAI-PUI and TSUI YAN-PUI qualified to meet S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn, holders, in the final of the Open Doubles tennis championship. The Tsui's won in 1936, 1938 and 1939.

The Tsui's were not extended at any stage and were able to win with the greatest of ease by 6-2, 6-1 and 6-2.

Incidentally, throughout the match they gained more points on their opponents' mistakes than on their own outright winners. Sewell played the better game of the losers and possessed a useful service. MacDougall was very weak on his backhand but improved later to score several points with nicely placed shots.

WAI-PUI ERRATIC
Yan-pui again outshone his elder brother who was rather erratic and was none too impressive overhead. Wai-pui will have to "back up" when they meet the holders in the final.

The winners went into a lead of 4-0 before MacDougall won his service for their first game. Sewell followed suit but the Tsui's finally went out for set at 6-2. The second set was a one-sided affair, the losers clinching only the fifth game. There were one or two rallies in the third set but after drawing up to 4-2 the losers fell away for the Chinese to annex the set at 6-2.

TODAY'S MATCHES

There will be no Open matches this afternoon but some interesting tennis is expected in the two Club Singles semi-finals to be played.

The one in which M. Pagh, the holder, is meeting his most serious rival, Capt. R. E. Guest, will be played at the Stand Court. Pagh is favoured to enter the final.

In the other game, C. H. R. Oxlade, who is coming on fast as a singles player, will meet F. W. Carter in what should prove a close fight.

BICYCLE RACE FOR SCHOOLS

An inter-school bicycle race, organised by the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, will be held at the end of this month.

Each school in the Colony is allowed to recommend two students for the contest before May 10. The individual champion will be awarded a new bicycle, given by the Union Bicycle Factory and a motor headlight and a pair of skates will be the prizes for the second and third places.

The winning unit will receive a silver cup.

The race will be over 25 miles, from Tsun Wan to Un Long. It is learned that 16 schools have entered for the race the date for which will be announced later.

TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The following alterations have been made in the probabilities for the Two Thousand Guineas:

Richardson rides King's Jester. Arthur Wragg rides Annatom. Jones Burning Bow, Lowery Camperdown and Carey Sunny Island.

Other starters are: Mr. Sawyer (Bridgland), Ueenge (E. Smith), Devonian (Perryman), Selim Hassan (Beary), Sollum (G. Richards), Starwort (J. Taylor), Morogoro (H. Wragg), Owen Tudor (G. Richards), Suncastle (Beasley), Orthodox (Q. Smith), The Derby Star (Maher), Sunray, Chanda (Lacey), Lambersimnel (Elliott), Fairy Prince (Lane).

FRIENDLY LAWN BOWLS GAME

K.C.C. To Entertain Volunteers.

The Kowloon Cricket Club will entertain a lawn bowls team from the Volunteer Sergeants Mess on Sunday, May 5, commencing at 3 o'clock. The following teams have been selected and will play as shown.

K.C.C.:—A. E. Perry, R. T. Burch, A. W. Smith, E. C. Fincher (skip); A. E. P. Guest, A. H. Martin, W. W. Parsons, T. A. Madar (skip); R. S. Capell, E. C. Curtis, A. J. Kew, J. Fraser (skip); G. Bowden, H. Langley, A. E. Carey, V. C. Labrum (skip); T. R. Hunter, S. A. Gray, R. Lee, R. S. Meadows (skip).
H.K.V.D.C.:—Sgt. E. A. R. Fowles, Sgt. W. J. Geall, Sgt. E. Zimmern, Sgt. J. G. Meyer (skip); Sgt. M. A. Baptista, Sgt. J. D. Remedios, Sgt. J. C. Remedios, C.Q.M.S. C. G. Silva (skip); S.Q.M.S. A. C. Trible, C.Q. M.S. R. Leigh, Sgt. H. L. Lockhart, Sgt. M. N. Rakusen (skip); C.Q. M.S. E. Casey, Sgt. W. H. B. Muskett, Sgt. T. W. Carr, Sgt. Sheriff (skip); Q. S. M. P. E. Baskett, Mr. W. M. Smith, Sgt. A. Steven, S.S.M. W. L. Walker (skip).

POLICE BOWLS SELECTIONS

The following teams will represent Police Recreation Club in the opening Lawn Bowls League matches on Saturday:

First Division v. Indian R.C. (away):—E. G. Post (Skip), A. E. Carey, F. Nolan and G. Perkins; W. Blair (Skip), W. S. McHardy, H. Brown and A. Soutar; J. Shepherd (Skip), W. S. Dall, W. Harris and W. McLeod.

Third Division v. Indian R.C. (home):—F. Channing (Skip), A. J. Johnson, D. C. W. Fitches and C. Gough; A. Aitken (Skip), J. H. McWalter, J. S. Riddell and J. Hayward; J. Alexander (Skip), J. McDonald, G. Davies and W. Howell. Reserves:—C. S. Pile, C. Wilcox, J. R. Hunter, G. E. Willerton, S. G. Smith and R. McKenzie.

K.T.C.C.A. RINKS

The following will represent the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association in the Second Division of the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday.

H.A. Castro, J. Tang, A. Madar, A. J. Kew (skip); N.A.E. MacKay, T.K. Lim, J. N. Wong, J. L. Stephens (skip); H. Gittins, M.S. Phoon, A. E. Castro, W. J. Howard (skip).

FRIENDLY WATER-POLO ENCOUNTER

Whites Defeat Blues

Owing to the non-appearance of some members of the European Y.M.C.A. water-polo team in their friendly game with Middlesex Regiment yesterday, a mixed game was played instead, resulting in a win for the Whites over Blues by six goals to three.

Scorers for Whites were Paul (2), May, Thom (2) and Goldman. The Blues scored through Burdge, Benr and Birdsey.

F. Willis refereed and the teams were:—

WHITES:—Memchen (Midd.), Ure (Midd.), Burditt (Midd.), May (Y.), Goldman (Y.), Paul (Y.) and Thom (Midd.).

BLUES:—Jennings (Midd.), Rallton (Y.), Benr (Y.), Baker (Midd.), Burdge (Midd.), Birdsey (Midd.) and Quickenden (Midd.).

Honours Fairly Evenly Divided On Second Day Of Area Athletic Meet

SURPRISE DEFEAT OF MIDDLESEX REGIMENT IN JAVELIN THROW

THE AREA ATHLETIC MEETING was continued yesterday at Nanking Barracks, Shamshui, the day's surprise being the defeat of Middlesex Regiment, in the Javelin Throw, the 12th Coastal Regt. R.A. winning the event by six feet and providing also the best individual throw of the morning.

Bidding well for the final afternoon's competition today, honours yesterday were fairly evenly divided between the 8th Coastal Regt. R.A., the 5/7th Rajput Regiment, the 12th Coastal Regt. R.A., the 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt., the Hong Kong Regt. H.K.S.R.A., and the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots.

H.E. Major-Gen. A. E. Grasett, will present the prizes at the conclusion of the sports this afternoon.

THE RESULTS

Results yesterday were:
130-Stone Tug-of-War: Semi-finals—5th A.A. Regt. R.A. beat H.K. Regt. H.K.S.R.A. by two straight pulls, 12th Coastal Regt. R.A. beat 2/14th Punjab Regt. by two straight pulls.
880 Yards Relay: Heat 1—Won by 5/7th Rajput Regt., 1st Mx Regt., 2nd. Time: 1 min. 39 secs.
Heat 2: Won by Combined Small Units, 8th Coastal Regt. R.A., 2nd. Time: 1 min. 40 secs.
Javelin Throw: Won by 12th Coastal Regt. R.A., Distance: 298 feet 4 ins., 2nd Mx Regt., 292 ft. 5 ins.; 3rd 8th Coastal Regt. R.A., 284 ft. 2 1/2 ins. Best Distance: 166 ft. 5 ins. by 12th Coastal R.A. athlete, Pte. Lever (Mx) threw 165 ft. 1 1/2 ins.

One Mile Relay: Heat 1—Won by 8th Coastal Regt. R.A. (Hav. Major Sher-Baz, Nk. Joginder Singh, Nk. Murad Khan and L/Nk. Mohan Singh), 2nd 5th A.A. Regt. Time: 3 mins. 46 secs. Heat 2: Won by Mx Regt. (McGrady, Goodair, Cox, Williams), 2nd Royal Scots. Time: 3 mins. 43 secs.

High Jump: Tied for 1st 5/7th Rajput Regt. and 8th Coastal Regt. R.A. Height: 10 ft. 10 ins., 3rd 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. 10 ft. 9 ins. Best Individual: Gnr. Chanda-Bhan Singh (5/7th Rajput Regt.) 5 ft. 7 1/2 ins.

480 Yards High Hurdles Relay: Heat 1—Won by 8th Coastal Regt. R.A. (Capt. Skipwith, Marshall, Woosan Singh and Jhera Khan) 2nd 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. Time: 1 min. 12 1/2 secs.

Heat 2: Won by 2nd Bn. Royal Scots (Sgt. Elsey, Pte. Kilpatrick, Cpl. Marshall and Sgt. Devereux), 2nd 5th/7th Rajput Regt. Time: 1 min. 11 1/2 secs.

Long Jump: Won by 5/7th Rajput Regt., 40 feet 3 1/2 ins., 2nd H.K. Regt. H.K.S.R.A., 38 ft. 9 ins., 3rd 1st Middlesex Regt., 38 ft. 9 ins. Individual best: Gnr. Chanda-Bhan Singh (5/7th Rajput Regt.) 20 feet 3 inches.

Pole Vault: Won by 8th Coastal Regt. R.A., 19 ft. 3 ins., 2nd 1st Mx Regt., 18 ft. 9 ins., 3rd H.K. Regt. H.K.S.R.A., 18 ft. 6 ins. Best Individual: Kundan Singh (H.K. S.R.A.) 10 ft.

Three Mile Team Race: 1st H.K. Regt. H.K.S.R.A., 22 points, 2nd 8th Coastal Regt. R.A., 28 pts., 3rd 12th Coastal Regt. R.A., 55 pts.

Individual winner: L/Nk. Mohd. Sheriff (8th Coastal R.A.), 2nd Gnr. Lukhman Khan (H.K.S.R.A.), 3rd Hav. Karam Bux (H.K.S.R.A.). Time: 15 mins 47 3/5 secs.

UNIT STANDINGS
Standings to date:—
8th Coastal Regt. R.A. 74 1/2 pts.; 1st Bn. Mx Regt., 72; 1st H.K. Regt. H.K.S.R.A. 68; 12th Coastal Regt. R.A. 58; 5th A.A. Regt., 52 1/2; 2nd Bn. Royal Scots 49 1/2; 5/7th Bn. Rajput Regt., 44 1/2; 2/14 Punjab Regt., 41; Combined Small Units 26.

M'SEX REGIMENT CARNIVAL
The Middlesex Regiment are holding a skating carnival at the Kowloon Skating Rink/Nathan Rd., this evening at 7 p.m.

The programme is as follows:—
Inter-Coy. Hockey Competition for which eight teams have entered.
Open events of Four and Eight laps (open to the Colony).
Inter-Coy. Races and other events.
Arrangements are in the hands of R.S.M. Challis.

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ENEMY DRIVE ON EGYPT HALTED NEAR SOLLUM

GERMAN TROOPS EXPERIENCING HARDSHIPS OF DESERT WARFARE

CAIRO, Apr. 30 (Reuter) — Enemy troops on the Egyptian frontier, said a military spokesman, had reached a point about five miles east of Sollum and had halted there. It was difficult to determine whether the halt was due to the harassing action of the British paratroops, R.A.F. bombing, supply problems or sandstorms. The halt was probably due to a combination of all four factors.

Enemy troops are now spread out in a long straggling line from Tripoli to Sollum. There are minor groups round Bardia and Tobruk. The head of their advance consists of three columns—one on the coastal road and two on a higher escarpment. All three have halted near Sollum.

German troops particularly, the spokesman continued, are now experiencing the difficulties of desert warfare, namely water shortage, transport problems and that hot dusty wind which, according to an Arab proverb, justifies wife murder if it continues for five days.

The situation in Libya generally, the spokesman said, is viewed in Cairo with calm optimism.

The R.A.F. attacked Junkers troop-carrying planes embarking enemy troops, at Benina aerodrome, near Benghazi, again on Monday. One plane was destroyed and a number of others were severely damaged.

Considerable casualties were inflicted among the troops, adds the R.A.F. communique.

FLANK EXPOSED
The first German-Italian attempt to dash across the Egyptian frontier resulted in a sharp rebuff for the enemy. A mobile column on Monday swept down the escarpment which runs close to the sea at Sollum and tried to break through along the coastal road.

The enemy thus exposed their right flank to one of the most famous regiments of the British Army and when they came up against frontal opposition, they had to retreat hastily to their former positions. They retired under heavy fire and suffered very heavy casualties.

British armoured forces are meanwhile sweeping ceaselessly across the great desert plateau on top of the escarpment to counter any attempt to circle round our left flank.

At the moment, the Germans are apparently pausing to think where next to direct their own and the Italian's efforts.

DARING FEAT
A feat which was described by a senior R.A.F. officer as "the most outstanding example of personal initiative and daring I have yet seen" was performed yesterday by a Canadian pilot.

The pilot, who was flying on reconnaissance in a newly-arrived American plane, saw a large number of Junkers 52's (troop-carrying planes) lined up wing to wing on Benina aerodrome, near Benghazi. He asked his crew whether they were willing to attack despite the fact that the flight was purely a reconnaissance one.

"Sure, let's have a crack at them," was the reply.

He thereupon dived down from 12,000 feet until he was only 50 feet above the ground and flew straight across the line of German

U.S. Warships May Enter Combat Zones

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (Reuter) — United States warships may enter the combat zones if necessary in the interests of the defence of the Western Hemisphere, President Roosevelt announced at a press conference yesterday.

He added that the area of combat activities delineated by Germany round the British Isles had nothing to do with United States warships. They would go into it if necessary for the defence of the Western Hemisphere but that did not mean that they were going in.

NAZI THREAT
BERLIN, April 30 (Reuter) — "President Roosevelt's plans will have but one immediate result—the quick and certain sinking of American ships."

This threat is made in the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung in an article dealing with the American proposals to speed up supplies to Britain. The newspaper adds: "Americans should cherish no illusions. Whether sailing alone or escorted by warships, all consignments traversing the Atlantic are good for sinking."

It is claimed that the weapons of the German blockade lark on all the routes between Britain and America and it is time that Americans realised what confronts shipping when President Roosevelt's plans mature.

PLYMOUTH RAID DEVASTATION

Women And Children To Be Evacuated

LONDON, April 30 (Reuter) — A large part of Plymouth is to be declared an evacuation area following four raids in eight nights.

Ten thousand school-children are to be moved immediately to rural areas in Devon and Cornwall. Mothers with children, expectant mothers and old age pensioners who wish to make their own arrangements will be assisted to evacuate.

A decision to this effect was reached yesterday at a conference between the city's Emergency Committee and a representative of the Ministry of Health.

Latest reports indicate that Monday night's raid caused widespread damage, particularly in areas already heavily hit, and many people were killed. Nevertheless, the casualties were not so heavy as in any of last week's raids.

RAIDERS DOWNED
It is now confirmed that four German aircraft were destroyed during the raid on Plymouth on Monday night, three by anti-aircraft guns, says the Air Ministry. Although there has been a certain amount of activity by enemy aircraft during yesterday near the southeast coast, there are no reports of bombs being dropped.

LOCKHEED TO BUILD AIR LEVIATHAN

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (Reuter) — Official permission to build a new four-engine land plane, designed to fly to Europe in 10 hours carrying between 50 and 80 passengers, has been given to the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. The machine will be the world's largest and most powerful land

SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS ON AXIS SHIPPING BY FLEET AND R.A.F.

LONDON, April 30 (Reuter) — Thirty successful attacks on Axis shipping by units of the Fleet and R.A.F. are reported by official sources during the week ending April 27.

The biggest single episode was the naval bombardment of Tripoli at dawn on April 21 when three transports were set on fire, one of which was seen to sink, an ammunition ship exploded, a supply ship sank, another was seriously on fire and a destroyer was heavily hit.

Other naval successes include the torpedoing of a 10,000 ton tanker, a 6,000 ton supply ship, a 7,000 ton supply ship and a 7,000 ton ammunition ship in the Mediterranean, all announced on April 22.

A fully laden tanker bound for Tripoli was sunk by the submarine Tetrach, and a heavily laden blockade-running oil tanker of more than 10,000 tons was sunk by the submarine Uge.

At least six ships were hit off Norway, including a 3,000 ton supply ship left sinking, and a 1,500 ton tanker almost certainly destroyed.

In a very low level attack on a heavily escorted convoy of three ships some miles west of Heligoland on April 25, a very large vessel was set on fire and almost certainly destroyed and another was hit on the stern and severely damaged.

Off the Dutch coast, at least nine vessels were bombed, including three direct hits on an 8,000 ton supply ship in a convoy, a 4,000 ton vessel in a convoy off the Frisian Islands was damaged.

The week's most sensational attack was delivered at dawn on April 25 from a height of 25 feet on a 1,600 ton supply ship one mile up the Nieuwe Waterway between Hook of Holland and Rotterdam. Smaller ships were attacked with bombs and machine-guns in the same operation.

MONSTER RALLY IN SYDNEY

Australian Reply To Nazi Propagandists

SYDNEY, April 30 (Reuter) — "This is an opportunity to give the lie to German propagandists who are saying there is disunity between Britain and Australia," said the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. A. W. Fadden, launching a £25,000,000 loan and recruiting campaign at a monster win-the-war rally in the Sydney town hall.

He added that when the full story of Greece can be told, no one will be ashamed; there is a credit as well as a debit side.

He announced that £10,500,000 have already been subscribed to the loan and military enlistment had already increased throughout Australia.

PARTY POLITICS OUT
Mr. Herbert Evatt, Labour Member of the Advisory War Council, declared that Australians are intent on united war effort and party politics have receded into the background.

They were determined to demonstrate to friends and enemies alike their essential unity.

The Deputy Federal Labour Leader, Mr. Forde, proclaimed Labour's attitude as complete and indissoluble with the Allies.

A recorded speech by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir George Wilkinson, inaugurated the rally.

plane, except the B19 bomber which is about to be tested in California. It will weigh 43 tons.

ABYSSINIAN SITUATION

ITALIANS BOLTING IN ALL DIRECTIONS

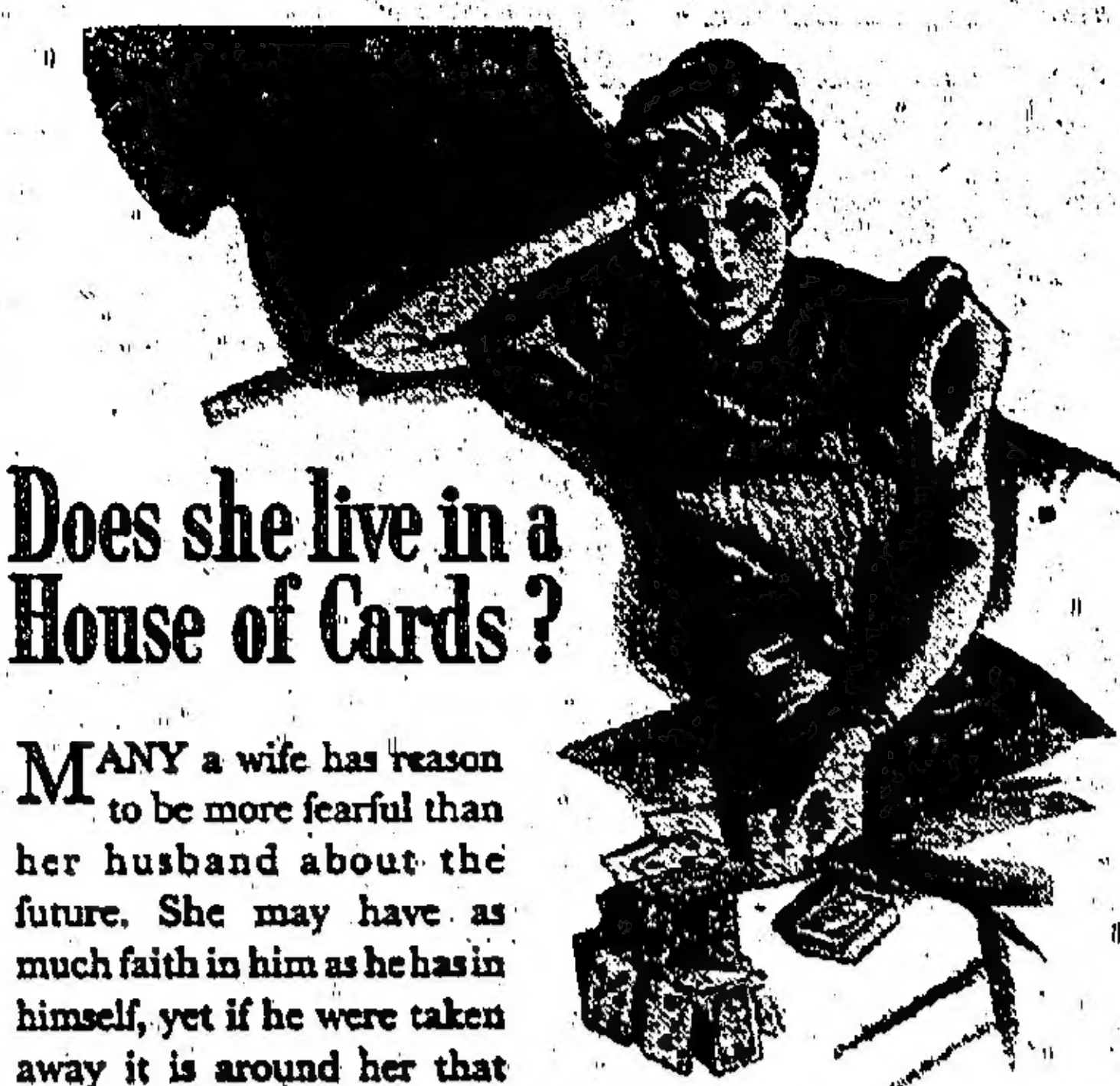
CAIRO, April 30 (Reuter) — The Italians have bolted in all directions following the capture of Dessie. Their difficulties are further increased by opposition from the patriot forces now arising in all kinds of unexpected places.

An Italian retreat towards French Somaliland would involve crossing a depression below sea level in burning heat by one route and almost equal difficulties by any other available route.

Both the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force continue to give support to successful ground operations. South African fighters machine-gunned and damaged enemy aircraft on Gimma aerodrome and motor transport concentrations between Batle and Tandeha.

The R.A.F. bombed and machine-gunned enemy positions and trenches in the Ghila area.

One fighter is missing from Monday's operations.



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Extracts from his letter home are published in the current issue of Air Force News.

"The other night some Canadians wanted to know what 'cooe' was. They were told it was the sound a bunyip made when it came down at night to pull the plug out of a billabong. When they wanted to know what a billabong was, we told 'em it was the lid for a corroboree."

Leading Aircraftman Greening said the recent issue of long, heavy blue overcoats was welcome.

"Our uniforms are a knock-out over here," he adds. "We are the only air force wearing dark blue and people ask us in the streets where we're from."

MASS AIR RAID ON KUNMING

KUNMING, April 30 (Central) — More than 100 bombs were dropped within the city limits of Kunming when a squadron of about 20 Japanese planes staged a raid yesterday afternoon. Hundreds of houses were destroyed, and many casualties were inflicted among the civilians.

A message from Hengyang states that 27 Japanese planes came over Hunan yesterday. Nine of them bombed Kiyang twice while 15 others attacked Langshutian.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION HELD IN HONOUR OF PRINCESS JULIANA

Hollandsche Club Function At The Gloucester

To celebrate the birthday anniversary of HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS JULIANA of the Netherlands, the Hollandsche Club met at tiffin yesterday at the Gloucester Hotel.

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—"The Board of Admiralty and the British Navy ask you to accept respectful and sincere good wishes on the anniversary of your birthday" was the message sent to Princess Juliana.

There were present 47 people, among them several men off the Dutch ships in port. The occasion was marked by a spirit of comradeship in the common cause dear to the heart of all Netherlands—the liberation of their country from the German invader.

The tiffin will mark also the first of a series of monthly meetings of the Hollandsche Club, directed toward bringing closer together all Dutch people in the Colony.

Mr. J. H. Van der Laan, President of the Club, addressing the gather-



PRINCESS JULIANA



PRINCE BERNHARD

H.R.H. Princess Juliana of the Netherlands celebrated her 32nd birthday anniversary yesterday. To honour the occasion the Dutch community locally met at lunch yesterday and the Consulate flew the pennant of the House of Orange over the Netherlands flag.

ing, said that the first of these meetings was held on a very appropriate day, the Dutch people being united in a common desire to defeat the enemy, drive them out of the Motherland and return in glory to the homeland the beloved Royal Family. Being met in this spirit, no Netherlands could have chosen a better day.

HOSPITABLE COUNTRY

Hollanders throughout the world were grateful that today Princess Juliana and her children were safe in a hospitable country and the assurance remained that the Royal House of Orange would continue as a symbol to the desire of the Netherlands to be independent, a desire that would bring them, under spirited leadership, to final victory.

It was the sincere wish of all present, Mr. Van der Laan continued, and it was the prayer of all Hollanders that Her Royal Highness would be safe and in good health for many more years to come, a desire that was common to her family and her people.

He would echo also the words the Princess had used on many occa-

sions in her broadcasts, and these were—"The Netherlands will rise again!"

Mr. Van der Laan then requested the Consul-General, Mr. D. G. E. Middelburg, to convey telegraphically from the Dutch community in Hongkong to Her Royal Highness the Princess in Canada their best wishes and congratulations on the occasion of her birthday.

NATURAL REQUEST

Mr. Middelburg, replying, said he would be only too glad to comply with the request, a natural one coming from Netherlands, whose thoughts were more than ever on this day going out to their Princess and her two little daughters. The Royal House, the hope of the Netherlands, they all could feel, was safe on allied soil.

It was a great pleasure to him to be called upon to speak on this occasion, Mr. Middelburg continued, and to be present at a gathering that so expressed the unshakable attachment of the Netherlands people to the House of Orange, their firm trust in final victory on the side of their allies, and their undiminished desire to struggle for right, freedom and democracy.

Mr. Middelburg then proposed the toast of Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands and Her Royal Highness Princess Juliana.

PUISNE JUDGE'S STRONG VIEWS ON NECESSITY OF STATEMENTS OF DEFENCE

"WHILE IT IS INDISPUTABLE THAT IN SUMMARY TRIALS IT IS FREQUENTLY UNNECESSARY TO INSIST ON A WRITTEN DEFENCE, the fact remains that when a defence is formally filed considerable judicial time and energy is saved," remarked Mr. Justice R. E. F. Cressall in the course of his judgment at the Summary Court yesterday in an action claiming the return of \$1,000.

The action was brought by Kwan Hoi-chow, merchant, of No. 58 Bonham Strand West against Cheng Tat-choi, dentist of No. 28 Des Voeux Road Central. Plaintiff was represented by Mr. H. L. Kwan while Mr. A. el Arculli was for the defence.

His Lordship further held that neither side had told "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," and directed a non suit without making an order as to costs.

THE JUDGMENT

The full judgment was as follows:

In this case the plaintiff claims the sum of \$1,000, which he alleges was lent by him to the defendant.

The statement of claim is worded as follows:

"The plaintiff's claim against the defendant is for the sum of \$1,000 for money lent to the defendant by the plaintiff."

Particulars:—Feb. 27, 1940—to money lent \$200; March 8, 1940—to money lent \$600; March 29, 1940—to money lent \$200. Total, \$1,000.

It appears that on the call-over day, the defendant, through his solicitor, verbally denied liability in general terms, and the case was accordingly listed for hearing without a statement of defence being filed.

Now, while it is indisputable that in summary trials it is frequently unnecessary to insist on a written defence, the fact remains that when a defence is formally filed considerable judicial time and energy is saved, for the Court is placed in the position of being able to appreciate, and judicially analyse the defence relied on, before the general evidence is actually tendered; a plea of non-indebtedness in most cases conveys nothing to the Judge who is called upon to hear and determine claims, for the reason that there may arise several factors during the trial, which, one by one, or collectively, frequently introduce new legal elements and problems which cannot be foreseen by merely looking at the statement of claim.

STRONG VIEWS

Thus it was that I enquired from the solicitor for the defendant why he had not filed a statement of defence notwithstanding the fact that no order had been made, I make these preliminary remarks for as this is the first contested case I have had to deal with since assuming my duties, I feel that in fairness to the profession I should let them know that I hold very strong views on the necessity of solicitors filing short and concise statements of defence in any contested actions they are called upon to defend. Conversely, it is my considered view that solicitors who are instructed to issue writs should give as much relevant information as is possible in the statement of claim.

If these two things are done I feel confident that, in the long run, litigants will benefit since the length of the actual hearing of the case will be considerably reduced for the reason that the Court will be in a position to have a clear idea of the issues involved before the evidence is heard, instead of having to grope in semi-darkness in an effort to find out during the course of the trial "what it is all about."

TRUTH WITHHELD

"With regard to the claim itself I have come to the conclusion after hearing the evidence tendered by the plaintiff and the defendant that this is a typical case of both parties keeping back from the Court the real truth of the matter. That the plaintiff actually parted with the sum of \$1,000, I have not the slightest doubt, but the question is whether that sum was lent to the defendant or to a third party by the name of Cheung Chee-wing. I find it difficult to believe that a business man of the plaintiff's knowledge and experience would part with such a considerable sum of money to another person without obtaining some acknowledgment in writing of the debt, or at least seeing to it that a reliable witness was present when the money was handed over."

The plaintiff however on his own showing appears to be one of those philanthropists one reads about in books but seldom meets, who lends money to dentist friends through his wife, simply because he and his family happen to be his professional clients.

The defendant does not deny that the plaintiff parted with this considerable sum but asserts that the wife gave it all to Cheung

Chee-wing in connection with a business he (Cheung Chee-wing) was undertaking on behalf of the plaintiff. It is not necessary to comment further on the evidence as it is abundantly clear to me that the real truth of the transaction has been deliberately hidden by both sides. All I will say is that if a man uses his wife as the medium of conveying loans to another man he should not complain if (as the defendant has asserted on oath) other people write letters insinuating that the alleged borrower has been guilty of unfaithful conduct with the lady.

CLAIM NOT PROVED

In order to prove his claim the plaintiff must satisfy me that the money in question was actually lent to the defendant. This he has failed to do, for on the evidence as it stands, I cannot find as a fact that the defendant received the money from the wife. I was not impressed by her demeanour in the witness box and formed the definite conclusion that she was hiding material facts from the Court.

On the other hand I was equally unimpressed by the defendant's explanation as to why he, a dentist, should take such a keen interest in the affairs of an electrical business of another person of which he had no knowledge.

In all the circumstances therefore I propose to enter a non suit and to make no order as to costs since as I have already stated neither side told me "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

YEAR-OLD MURDER SEQUEL

ACCUSED FOUND NOT GUILTY

KWOK KENG, 25, arraigned at the Criminal Sessions on a capital charge before the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, was acquitted yesterday when he was found Not Guilty by a jury after a retirement of 20 minutes.

Kwok was charged with the murder of Ho Mui at No. 284 Matawei Road on Feb. 9, 1940.

The accused was defended by Mr. George She, instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quinn. The prosecution was conducted by Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, who was assisted by Det.-Insp. A. E. Carey. The following comprised the jury—Messrs. W. Orr (Foreman), H. Turner, Wong Kai-cho, Tung Tai wa, Wong Siu-hing, George Wong and Wong Hey.

Addressing the jury, Mr. Murphy said that the accused was known to the deceased woman, Ho Mui, as a member of a gang of smugglers, and, therefore, there was no question of being refused permission to enter the house.

CROWN SUBMISSIONS

Regarding the evidence of Chan Sam, the amah, Mr. Murphy said that it was borne out by what had been said by other witnesses. Regarding the identification parade, Mr. Murphy said that the amah had said that she was afraid and was still afraid of the man in the dock, and suggested that the amah's hesitation was in order not to make a mistake. He reminded the jury that the crime happened over 12 months ago.

Mr. Murphy said that accused knew of the opium and suggested that he (accused) stole the opium and killed the woman to cover his tracks.

Mr. She said that there was no evidence that accused knew the depot for storing the opium was at No. 284, Matawei Road, and as to motive, Counsel submitted, there was none as accused was a member of the gang and, presumably, was making good money.

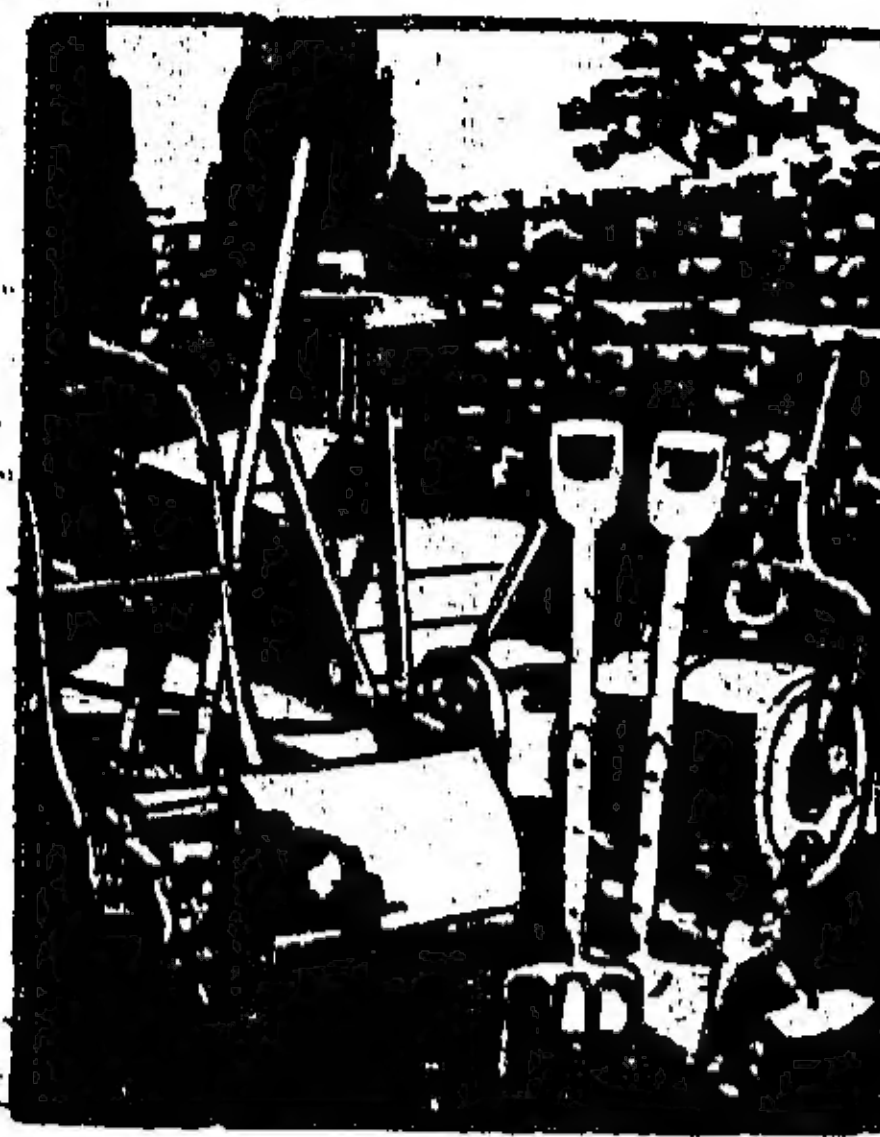
Mr. She concluded that the Crown's case was unreliable and left many gaps.

SUMMING UP

Summing up, his Lordship said that the Crown's case depended largely indeed on the evidence of Chan Sam.

His Lordship said that a considerable time had elapsed before

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A pleasing function will take place in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel on Wednesday, May 7, at 6.15, when members of the Northumberland and Durham Association will meet for the purpose of making a presentation to the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Dean of Hongkong.

The Bishop—The Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall—is President of the Association and it is anticipated that he will make the presentation on behalf of the members. Any one with associations, past or present, with either of the counties of Northumberland or Durham will be welcome and those desiring to attend should communicate with Mr. T. W. Carr, c/o Public Works Department, who has the arrangements for the function in hand.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—
Mayes, c/o Gloucester Hotel, from Yokohama; Youngbansam, c/o Luk Kwok Hotel, from Kobe; Sih, c/o Warren & Co., H.K. Bank Bldg., 1st floor, from Shanghai; Chang Shun Wa, 225 Lockhart Rd., 2nd floor, from Shanghai.

Chan Sam was called to the station to identify accused. They had heard evidence that the amah was frightened and pointed at accused instead of touching him as told.

There was no evidence that accused knew of where the opium was kept and the Crown theories were that either on Feb. 3 accused followed the men after delivering the opium or had learned at some time and in some way of the whereabouts of the opium.

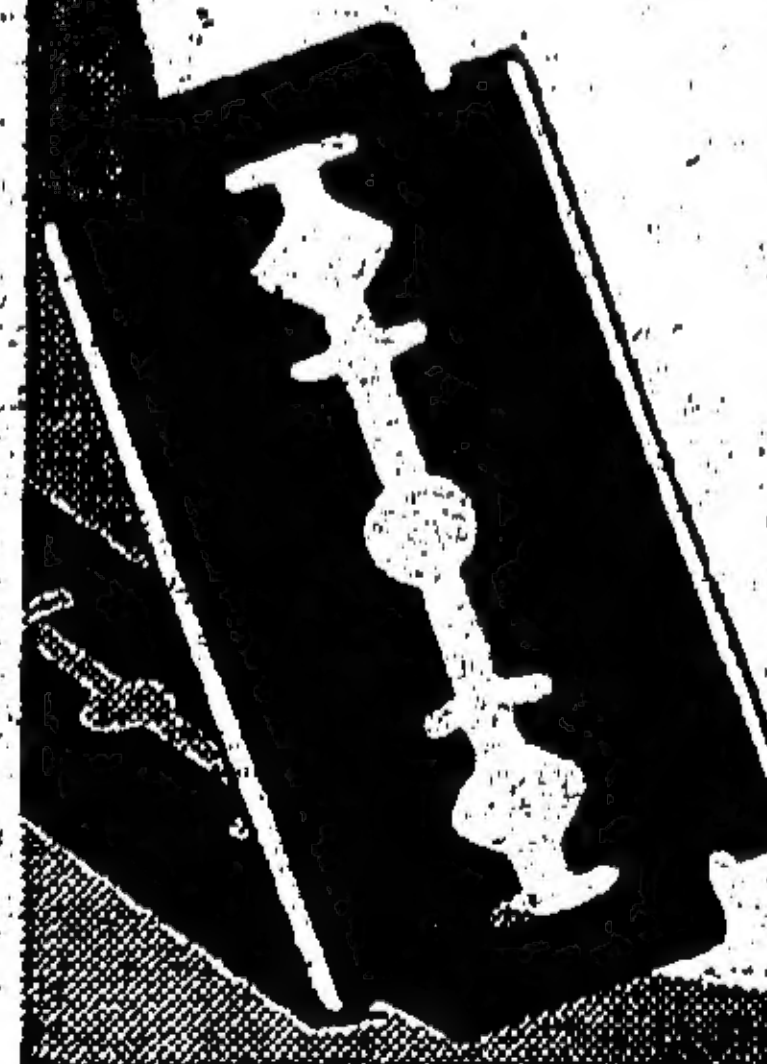
At the conclusion of the trial, Mr. Murphy intimated to his Lordship that there was a second indictment against accused which would be taken at the next Sessions. Accused was remanded in gaol custody.

The jury was exempted from duty the whole of the jury year.

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Registration Of Qualified Practitioners

The question of permitting qualified medical practitioners who do not possess qualifications normally acceptable for local registration to register in Hongkong for the duration of the war has been carefully considered by local medical organisations. The Hongkong Chinese Medical Association expressed itself as unanimously opposed to the suggestion.

A majority of the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Medical Association also opposed the proposal.

In view of this very definite expression of opinion against the extension of the local register, the Medical Board, by a majority, decided that the matter should not be pursued further.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The British War Organisation Fund acknowledge with grateful thanks the following gifts:—384 rolls Nu-Hesive bandages, value \$211.00 from Mr. Hon Yam Lam, Comptroller, Messrs. Douglas Steamship Company, and 384 rolls

CHEAP SALE OF FUEL NEXT WEEK

To relieve the high cost of firewood, a cheap sale of fuel, sponsored by the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and St. Andrew's Church, with the assistance of the Government, will be held at Waterloo Road on Tuesday.

A large quantity of green pine tree branches has been set aside for the sale by the Government and will be sold at 200 catties per dollar.

According to the Mr. K. L. Chao, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., 200 catties of green branches would weigh about 120 to 140 catties when dried up and this quantity would cost at least \$3 on the ordinary market.

It has been decided that the quantity to be sold to an individual will be limited to 200 catties and a ticket is obtainable from the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Waterloo Road, as from today.

This sale will be an experiment and if it proves successful, will be continued.

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The Seventy-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 7th May to the 21st May, 1941, both days inclusive.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 2nd May to Wednesday, the 7th May, 1941 both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 24th April, 1941.

TWO REGISTRY WEDDINGS

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday:—
Mr. Ho Shiu-pui, broker, of No. 8 Tsing Tung Street, and Miss Wong Shiu-ying, of No. 14 Koon Ma Terrace;

Mr. Lo Chung-man, merchant, of No. 40 Battery Street, and Miss Liang Sou-tung, of No. 7 Tak Shing Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced:—
Mr. Henri van Leeuwen, staff of the J.C.J.L. of No. 8 The Peak, and Miss Edith Mary Hopkins, of "Courtland," Kennedy Road;

Pte. George Coleman, of the 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt., Nanking Barracks, Shamshulpo, and Miss Chan Po-yok, of No. 242 Apiti Street;

Mr. Ngan Ying-kit, draughtsman, War Department, of No. 181 Hennessy Road, and Miss Tang Wai-han, of No. 163 Hennessy Rd.;

Mr. Manuel Eduardo Variz, teacher, La Salle College, and Miss Josephine Yu, of No. 222 Nathan Road, second floor.

NIGHTSOIL CONTROL

The changeover to Government control of the removal of nightsoil took place last night complete with new buckets and new bamboo poles.

The coolies attracted crowds of Chinese on their rounds.

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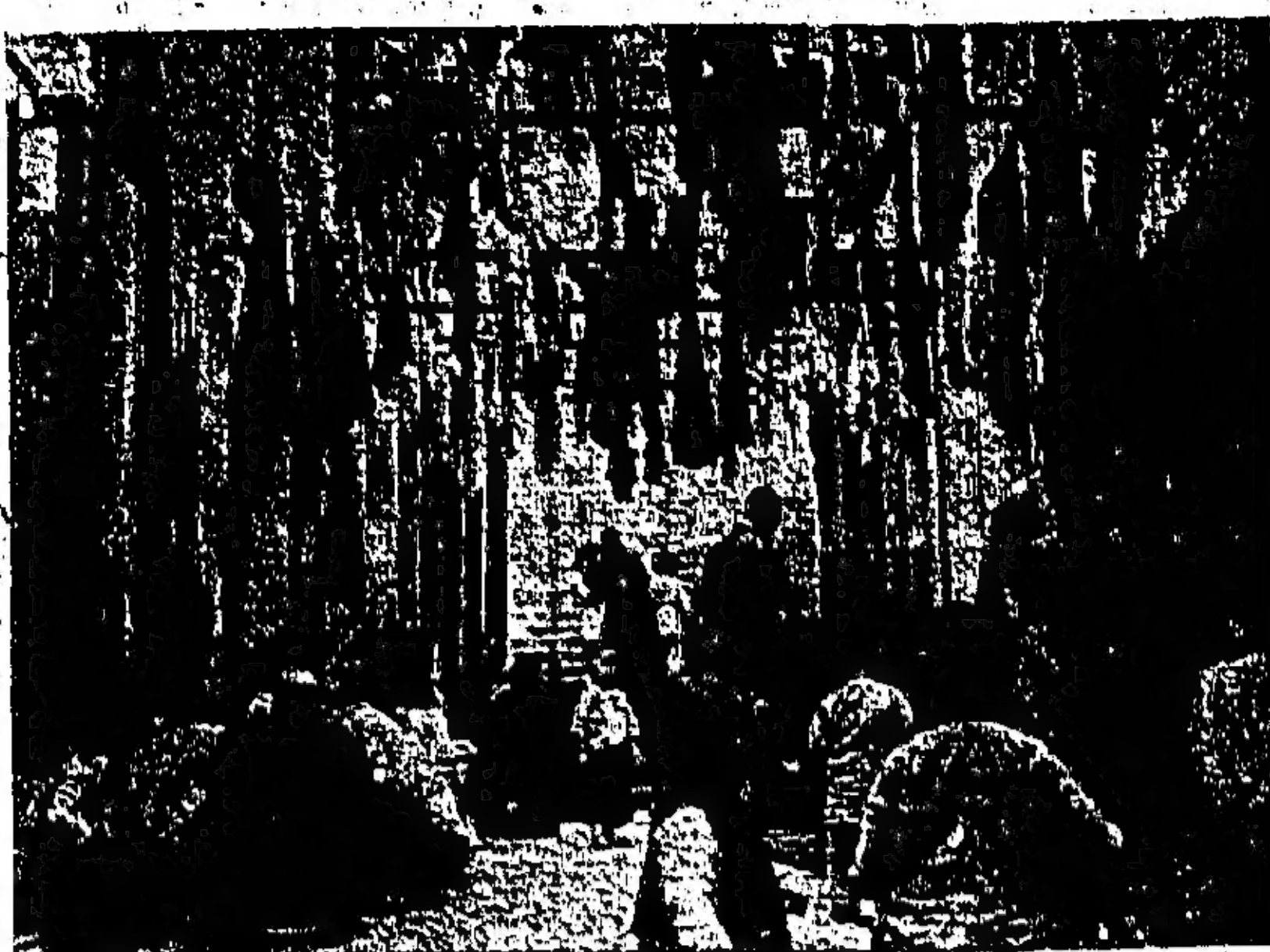
WORTHY EFFORTS

THE GRAPHIC description of the appalling conditions under which the poorer classes of Hongkong's population exist, as given in the annual report of the Hongkong Eugenics League, focuses attention once more on the grave problem of social reform in this Colony and the urgent need there is for official and unofficial action to alleviate this sordid state of affairs with the least possible delay. The fact that the declarations on this subject have been made by a Chinese member of the League, in her capacity as Honorary Treasurer of an organisation which is making worthy efforts to remedy "the abject poverty and the degradation of human lives," is particularly significant. Miss Constance Lam's picture of what she has seen in the course of her social work is by no means exaggerated. "crowds of filthy, ragged children, disease-ridden mendicants, half-starved coolie men and women in the streets, the appalling state of the slums, overflowing as they do with people living in squalor, dire want and gross misery manifests eloquently the maladjustments of an over-prolific population existing in an economic scarcity."

THE WORK of the Eugenics League brings it into direct contact with practically every aspect of the Colony's social ills and it is, indeed, a matter for congratulation that its members have been able to achieve such a great deal in the five years of its activities in the Colony. The League has undoubtedly furnished a striking example to other social organisations which have been formed in Hongkong and whose activities have been marked by a sort of supine indifference and indolence that has only helped to defeat their aims, however laudable they may have appeared on paper. In such circumstances, progress in social reform is impossible. The Eugenics League, on the other hand, as shown in the Secretary's report, has reached out, and is continuing to reach out, to the very root of the social problems in the Colony. It is not without a certain feeling of pride that it has been able to reveal to the public what it has been able to achieve, particularly in the sphere of gynaecology, where the women of the poorer classes have been given useful instruction, advice and treatment on the subject of family planning, ignorance of which largely contributes to poverty, disease and misery.

THE FACT that many prominent Chinese are associated in the work of the League, either actively or by giving it their moral and material support, should prove a big factor in eliminating the prejudice created by custom and time-worn principles against birth control. The educational work conducted by the Eugenics League is still hampered by this prejudice, which has resulted in a lack of co-operation from educated Chinese classes, who could render the League, and incidentally the Colony, a great

ABJECT POVERTY



"... the teeming millions. The abject poverty. . . Above is a section of Chinese Street, which is in the heart of the city."

NEAR-SIGHTED POLICY OF RETAILERS RETARDS GOAL OF H.K. SELF-SUFFICIENCY

BY OUR STAFF REPORTER

THE NEAR-SIGHTED POLICY OF LOCAL RETAILERS AND THE LACK OF PUBLIC INTEREST in the matter that was appalling were advanced by a local agriculturist, yesterday, as the two main reasons why A GOAL OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN REGARD TO FOOD HAS YET TO BE REACHED IN HONGKONG.

"Hongkong possesses more acres of farmland than may be found in many other areas of about the same size," the agriculturist told our reporter, "AND VERY NEARLY EVERYTHING MAY BE GROWN HERE. Poultry, live stock and even fish may be bred here to supply the local market."

PUBLIC STAKE

"But before we reach anything approaching self-sufficiency, the public must come to realise what their stake is in this matter. No limited company will ever venture into a scheme to feed all the people in this Colony, because profits must needs come slowly and can come only with a programme immediate in its execution and prosecuted vigorously from its very inception."

"On top of this, it may be said that profits in money are barely to be expected. What will be realised can amount, in the first instance, only to a better board for the man of more modest means and prices more within reach of the masses."

"Strive for profits, and the whole scheme retains the barest chance of survival. The reason for this should be obvious to all intelligent people. Only permit the cycle of producer to wholesaler, wholesaler to retailer, with a flock of jackals barking at their heels, and the prices are again outside the reach of the poor."

CO-OPERATIVE SYSTEM

"When all is said and done, what is called for, in the first place, is an awakened public interest. WHAT THE COLONY NEEDS IS A CO-OPERATIVE SYSTEM WHEREBY PEOPLE WOULD INVEST MONEY AND EXPECT RETURNS ONLY IN PRODUCE. "Such a scheme is not impossible of achievement. It calls only for a meeting of public-spirited individuals, and men and women, at that, who will refuse to be turned back by all the talk that will arise, immediately the scheme is mooted, counselling its immediate abandonment."

service if they impart their own knowledge and acceptance of the principles of family health for which the League is striving, to their more unfortunate compatriots who have had no opportunity of having the subject explained and interpreted to them in its proper significance. Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke, the Secretary of the League, made this appeal last year and amplifies it now with a proposal to form a Committee of Chinese voluntary helpers to take over the publicity and educational work of the League. This is a step in the right direction and there is no doubt that Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke will be able to report better results on this aspect of the League's splendid work next year.

"It is not so much a matter of unsuitable climate or deficiencies in the quality of the soil that has in the past prevented food being produced here in anything like a reasonable quantity for the needs of the whole population."

A PARADOX

"Even today we experience the paradox of rice being exported from the Colony to North and South America, there to be consumed in the homes of rich Chinese who have migrated there. At the same time we import rice and cry about its price."

"The point here does not lie in the fact that the rice exported should not be sent away from here. It brings in a better price, and let it go. THE POINT IS—WHY ISN'T MORE OF THIS RICE GROWN? One has but to visit the New Territories or Lantau to see acres of good land going to waste, supporting wild vegetation."

"IT IS NOT GENERALLY KNOWN THAT A KIND OF RICE MAY BE GROWN HERE THAT THRIVES ON SALT WATER. It is as edible as other kinds of rice, and I will honestly say myself that should some portions of the population shy away from it, there are other sections of the populace who will be only too glad to buy it at reasonable prices."

REPLY TO CYNICS

"My reply to the cynics who will question this statement is—try the scheme. Opposition to progress is as old as the earth. Much of it arises for no reason at all, a good share of it comes from observation of heads being shaken in what is deemed a wise manner. Many of us are like sheep, inclined to follow a leader, and sometimes, I think, the real criminals are those among us who shake their heads at new suggestions, thereby shutting out the light and throwing a curtain over the whole idea of progress."

"I have singled out the retailers as among those also to be singled out for blame. They control the wholesalers, a more reasonable class of business men who come in contact with the simple farmer and realise how easy it is to shape the policy of men whose first concern is the sale of their product. "If you will not give the farmer a chance to expand, a guarantee that he will be paid the same or a gradually diminishing price for all he produces, permitting him a reasonable expectancy of returns—until then you will not get other men interested in the business of cultivating rice, raising live stock and poultry, providing our tables with better and cheaper food."

D. O. SOUTH

BROTHEL KEEPER FINED

For keeping a brothel at No. 28, Tai San Street, first floor, Cheung Chau, on April 29, a 60-year-old widow, Chung Luk was fined \$50 when she appeared before Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday.

EXPORT OF PETROL

Three masters of trading junks were each fined \$15 when they pleaded guilty before Mr. Balfour yesterday to the charge of having

EARL HAIG FUND

COLONY THANKED

Mr. F. G. Maunder, Secretary of the Earl Haig's Fund, Hongkong branch, has received the following letter from Captain W. G. Wilcox, Organising Secretary of the British Legion.

February 20, 1941

Dear Mr. Maunder, I now beg to acknowledge with very sincere thanks receipt, through the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, London, of cheque to the value of £350 for which I attach herewith our official receipt K.108 and which, together with the sum of £1,200 received in November last, makes a total of £1,550 which I am presuming represents the truly magnificent and record result of your 1940 Remembrance Day Appeal and sale of Poppies in Hongkong and Districts for the benefit of Haig's Fund, and I give you my assurance that it is a most welcome and valuable addition to our funds.

We have been very anxious about the result of this year's Appeal in view of the now greater responsibilities of the British Legion and the adverse conditions under which the 1940 Appeal has had to be made.

I am happy to say, however, that there has been a widespread recognition of our difficulties and our greater needs, and the people of this Country, together with our many friends overseas, have given with conspicuous generosity for their emblems of remembrance.

Will you please find some means of expressing our deep thankfulness to our friends in Hongkong and Districts who have so very generously supported your Appeal and assure them that their practical sympathy will mean much during the coming year to the men and women who have served their Country and are in need of a helping hand.

May I also thank you, the Members of your Committee and all other helpers very warmly for your valuable work, undertaken at a difficult time and in the face of so many handicaps. You have made a really valuable contribution to what I am sure will prove to have been a remarkable wartime effort.

With our very best wishes to you all, I am,

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) W. G. Wilcox,
Captain,
Organising Secretary.

Refugees In The Colony

An increase of 100 in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps, etc., in urban and rural areas is recorded in the Government returns for the week ending on April 26.

Urban Areas:—
King's Park—1,299 against 1,299 on April 19.
Ma Tau Chung—1,695 against 1,718 on April 19.
North Point—1,526 against 1,519 on April 19.
Morrison Hill—516 against 517 on April 19.
Urban Areas (Squatters' Camps).
Tai Hang—2,557 against 2,557 on April 19.
Ngau Tan Kok—807 against 801 on April 19.
Rural Areas:—
Kam Tin—2,318 against 2,234 on April 19.
Fanning Children's Camp—359 against 328 on April 19.
Total—11,073 against 10,973 on April 19.

BOARDING HOUSE INCIDENT

Alleged to have leapt from the second floor of the Chuen On boarding house, No. 133, Connaught Road Central, and landed on a rattan basket in the street, a Chinese woman was sent to Queen Mary Hospital suffering from severe bodily injuries about 1.25 yesterday morning.

A resident of the boarding house, she was recorded in the registry as Lo Yau, 29, from Macao.

on board their respective junks ting of petrol, preparatory to exporting them without the written permission of the Controller of Trades.

Li Ho, master of junk No. T4072H was alleged to have 2,000 lbs. and To Cheung and Lai Chong-ho, masters of junks T4172H and T4099H, respectively, were each alleged to have had 1,800 lbs. on board.

AIRCRAFT NOT MASTER OF THE WARSHIP: AIR AND SEA STRATEGY

"As the world situation becomes more critical, we turn as always to sea-power to see how it is affected by air-power," said MAJOR OLIVER STEWART, M.C., A.F.C., the B.B.C.'s aviation expert, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the lessons learned in the war about air-power and sea-power in operations against the enemy.

Maj. Stewart declared that sea-strategy was based on air-strategy and cited as an example, the dozen or so attacks which had been made by the R.A.F. on the two German battleships—the Gneisenau and the Scharnhorst.

PARTIAL SUCCESS

"We don't know for certain what damage was done to these German ships," said Major Stewart, "but there is evidence that one of them was hit by a large bomb. At any rate the fact that they have been forced to remain in harbour so long shows that they must have been damaged."

"Nevertheless, the only complete success claimed is when a ship is sunk—and so only partial success can be claimed at best. This shows that knocking a warship out with bombs is very difficult. That is true whether a ship is steaming on the ocean or tied up to a quay."

"Most of our complete successes have been secured with the use of torpedoes, which are also used by the air coastal command. It must also be remembered that the Axis warships, when they are tied up, are always surrounded by torpedo nets and many of the harbours where they are tied up are of the kind in which aerial torpedoes cannot be used. These torpedoes must have a certain amount of run before they settle down. So there are many places where they cannot be used and the only alternative is bombing."

MANY DIFFICULTIES

"In bombing of warships there are many difficulties. First of all a ship presents a very small target and even if a ship is rectangular it would still present less surface and the target area would be still less. Accurate bombing would, therefore, be needed to hit a ship from a height."

"Aeroplane would, therefore, have to come down low and dive-bomb. Dive-bombing is, of course, more accurate than high bombing but neither is as accurate as is suggested. Dive-bombing does get nearer than high level bombing but in both cases the aircraft crew is subjected to anti-aircraft fire."

"The pilot has to put his plane down low over the target in dive-bombing, whereas on a high level bomber, the crew have to make a careful bombing run, flying high and level and watching their instruments. That sort of calmness is more difficult to achieve."

"So, the probability of hitting targets of small size is more likely with the dive-bomber. But here again, a bomb dropped from a dive-bomber does not have time to achieve its top speed, because a bomb accelerates slowly, and, therefore, fails to penetrate."

HIGH-LEVEL ATTACKS

"I have no information on the thickness of the deck armour of the Gneisenau and the Scharnhorst, but there is no use hitting the deck armour with a bomb unless it can penetrate. You will remember this in the case of the aircraft carrier Illustrious. Her armour protected her from a very heavy dive-bombing attack."

"It is, therefore, necessary for a plane to come down low, dive-bomb and yet penetrate the armour. In the attacks on Brest, the high level attack has been used, so that if the ship is hit, there is a much better chance of penetrating her armour."

Major Stewart said that whereas the Germans had their ships tied up there was always a mass of anti-aircraft guns. It was, therefore, not an easy matter for a bomber crew to make their runs over the ships with great accuracy, as they would be extremely vulnerable to fire from the ground.

NUISANCE VALUE

"I have mentioned that our air strategy is based on sea-strategy, which is in turn based on 'on

whole Imperial strategy," said Major Stewart. "So it is possible that warships are difficult to sink by air bombing. Aeroplanes, however, can be a great nuisance to warships, if the ship is in such a position that an aerial torpedo can be launched against her, but where a torpedo attack is impossible and bombs have to be used aeroplanes are not such a great danger."

"Small ships can be sunk by bombing, but larger ships are much more difficult to damage seriously. No doubt work is now going on in Germany to find a bomb which will penetrate and damage the deck of warships."

"With every enemy success on land, the importance of our sea communications is brought home to us more and more forcibly," continued Major Stewart. "We have to rely on a combination of sea and air-power. We have to rely on our ships being able to stand up to enemy bombing attacks and we have to use our aircraft to the best possible way to meet this."

REAL VALUE

"Air attacks on U-Boats are not the same as air attacks on warships," and the bigger surface raiders are difficult to deal with directly by means of bombing."

"That does not mean that our aircraft will not play an important part in their destruction, but their real value will be particularly as reconnaissance machines or as torpedo carriers."

"Aircraft has not proved itself master of the warship, but it can help or hinder a warship. It is lucky for us that it can help a lot more than hinder and we shall make great use of that fact in the future," concluded Major Stewart.

CORRESPONDENCE

MISS GERTRUDE DRAYTON

The Editor H.K. Daily Press
Sir,—To all members of the Victoria League and to all returned students from the United Kingdom the unfortunate death of Miss Gertrude Drayton, C.B.E. as a result of enemy action, reported in the press a few days ago, must have come as a terrible shock. For many years Miss Drayton was the Secretary of the Victoria League in London, and in this position she rendered incalculable help to students from the Far East who pursued their studies in the United Kingdom.

Her service took many forms. She met students on their arrival, found board and lodging for them, arranged for their admission into the different Universities, introduced them to good society, looked after their affairs in general and sent reports periodically to their parents. After the outbreak of the present war, she also helped a number of students in obtaining passages back to the Far East.

There must be many in this Colony who have benefited either directly or indirectly from the kind assistance and sound advice so freely given by Miss Drayton. To her they owe a debt which cannot now be repaid, and one feels sure that they, and in many cases their parents, will be anxious to mark their gratitude to Miss Drayton by subscribing to a worthy cause in her memory, and in this respect, the Committee of the local Victoria League consider that there can be no worthier cause than the Bomber Fund.

We are directed by the Committee to appeal to the public of all nationalities in general and to returned students from the United Kingdom in particular, as well as to their parents, to send subscriptions to the Bomber Fund in memory of one who devoted the whole of her life to helping others and promoting better understanding and closer relationship between the different peoples of the British Empire.

Yours faithfully,
Sd. J. RALSTON,
Sd. T. O. TSO,
Joint Hon. Secretaries.

CHINA IS NOW PART OF INTERNATIONAL STRIFE

Yenching Alumni Fete Dr. J. Leighton Stuart

"The problem of China is now a part of the international struggle. It is no more a war of one nation against another nation, but a battle between two parties of opposing conceptions of international relationship," said DR. J. LEIGHTON STUART, President of Yenching University, Peking, addressing some 100 alumni of the University at a tea reception held in his honour at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Stuart returned on Tuesday night from his eleven-day trip to Chungking, where he saw several Government leaders, and is now on his way back to Peking. He first arrived in the Colony in the middle of last month, his primary purpose being to attend the 17th annual conference of the Board of Trustees of the China Foundation for the Promotion of Education and Culture, which was held here on Apr. 18.

Another distinguished guest at the party, at which Prof. Hsu Tishan presided, was MR. H. J. TIMPERLEY, well-known British journalist, who was formerly head of the Department of Journalism in the University.

GREAT INTEREST

Earlier, Dr. Stuart said: "Wherever I go, the greatest interest I have is in meeting alumni, learning what they are doing and hearing them talk what others are doing."

I have just come from Chungking. A week ago tonight—last Wednesday night—at a meeting presided over by Dr. H. H. Kung, about 100 alumni attended, which is about the same number here today.

Every alumni I met seems to be actively and usefully employed. From what I heard from other people, our alumni have a certain spirit, attitude and enthusiasm, an abundant fellowship among them, which are distinct from others.

All that is happening in this world today shows that there is a new meaning in those three words: "Truth, freedom and service" (which is the University motto).

There are those who believe that they are worth fighting for and there are those who try to destroy

them. What we mean by democracy is only a descriptive term of those three words.

Yenching will continue to function as long as there is no violation of her principles and ideals from the outside. She will never do anything in this war that will bring her alumni shame. I think we have kept that promise.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Fundamental principles must be maintained along with academic freedom and national loyalty. Thus far there has been not the slightest interference with our curriculum and activities inside the campus.

If there should be a war between America and Japan, we shall try to get our students away and then will announce our closing down. Two things that we must preserve are our principles and property.

Mr. Timperley, who also spoke, said that at the present time in both England and America, people were realising, as never before, the part China was playing in the world struggle for democracy and against aggression. They were also realising that in the future world, which everyone was hoping would come, China was going to be a sort of foundation stone of that world.

STILL GOING ON

That realisation had been in the knowledge that in China, in spite of war, destruction of universities and lack of transportation facilities, education was still going on, said he.

In this particular way, Yenching led them all, concluded the speaker, because she was still carrying on in the North under difficult conditions.

DANGEROUS, SAY JAPANESE

TOKYO, April 30 (Reuter).—The extension of the American patrol system "to the Seven Seas" was "a very dangerous step and could be considered as having a tendency towards aggression," said the Deputy spokesman of the Japanese Information Board.

Asked if it would become necessary for Japan to patrol the Pacific, the spokesman said: "It may not be necessary for the time being, but it may be necessary in the future according to the developments of the situation."

IN MORTAL COMBAT

NEW YORK, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—America is already "locked in mortal combat with the German system," writes the NEW YORK TIMES.

The paper adds: "Defence means many things. It means more immediate aid to the brave peoples who are now fighting in the front line. It means determination to see our vital supplies reach England under the protection of our own guns."

R.A.F. OFFICER SHOT

A verdict that he died from a self-inflicted wound while the balance of his mind was disturbed was recorded at the inquest here on Flying-Officer Basil Le Gay Jones, 41, of Newmarket-road, Cambridge, who was found shot at his home.

Evidence was given that on the night of the tragedy he returned home one worse for drink.

The coroner, Mr. W. R. Wallis, remarked: "One can only imagine that while in a state of mind brought about by over-indulgence he performed this act."

Percy Gipson, of Newmarket-road, Cambridge, with whom Jones lived, said that he had known him for ten years. On the night in question Jones came in just before 11 o'clock very much the worse for drink, although he was not incapable.

Jones loaded his revolver in Gipson's presence, and shortly after saying "Good-night," Gipson heard a revolver shot.

"I went outside, and by the side door I found him lying on his back with a Service revolver by his left side," said Gipson. "I saw he was bleeding from a wound in the head, and, after attempting to bandage him, I called medical assistance."

Replying to the coroner, Gipson said that Jones was a widower. He did not appear to have any worries, financial or otherwise, but he was always very reticent and did not discuss his affairs.

Corpl. Edward Blaney, of the R.A.F. Police, said that earlier the same evening he saw Jones walking unsteadily in the middle of a road in the centre of the town, and had to push him out of the way of a car. Jones was later sent home by taxi.

JAPANESE DETACHMENT DECIMATED

More than 100 Japanese were killed on Apr. 21 in the vicinities of Wutien and Tungyentien south-east of Shifu in northern Honan, when a Japanese detachment proceeding westward from Yuanwu in a fleet of trucks was ambushed and severely attacked by the Chinese.

Besides destroying a number of trucks and damaging several others, the Chinese also captured a sizable war booty including two trench mortars, light and heavy machine-guns and dozens of rifles and other arms.

In a surprise raid on the night of Apr. 21, a Chinese mobile unit broke into the Japanese defence zone at Tungchengkou southwest of Tsincheng in southern Shansi, destroying one pill-box and inflicting numerous casualties.

As a result of persistent Chinese raids recently, the Japanese in the Hsiahshien sector, southern Shansi, have suffered considerable losses. Since Apr. 18, more than 200 Japanese war dead are reported to have been cremated at Tayangcheng north of Hsiahshien. (Central News).

Times Favours Formation Of Imperial War Cabinet

LONDON, April 30 (Reuter).—The formation of an Imperial War Cabinet and the appointment of a deputy for Mr. Winston Churchill in domestic matters, are favoured by THE TIMES in a leader.

After remarking that Mr. R. G. Menzies had "manifestly strengthened the Governments during the last few weeks with his counsel and support" the Times says that "General Jan Smuts, if he could be spared, would be another tower of strength."

"The formation of an Imperial War Cabinet is a step doubtless, which would symbolise unity and determination of the British Commonwealth of Nations and fortify our common effort and our will to victory, but even this step, however desirable, will not meet what is perhaps our most urgent need of the moment—the need for a Minister, possessing confidence of the Prime Minister and country, who can act as Mr. Churchill's deputy in matters of production and other issues of the Home front and take on his behalf, those urgent over-riding decisions which are necessary to the efficient working of any Governmental machine."

The Times emphasised that there was unshaken confidence everywhere in the prospects of ultimate victory and Mr. Churchill's inspiring leadership but says that "there is widespread feeling that we have fallen short in tackling problems of a large-scale organisation."

SLOWED UP

"The progress of our war effort has been slowed up by the lack of prompt and clear decisions from central authority on governing matters and principle. The control industry and mobilisation labour are incomplete and vital problems arising from them remain to be faced."

The Times recalls the present Cabinet "constituted in some haste at a moment of crisis nearly a year ago" and says:—

"Not all appointments were equally happy and some of them appeared to have been made on grounds which had little relation to the effective prosecution of the war."

"On the other hand, those Ministers who had no party record and were brought into Government from other spheres of activity, have, for the most part, been outstanding successes."

"Nobody would be surprised if the Prime Minister were once again to seek fresh blood for the Cabinet outside the ranks of Parliament."

ANNUAL REPORT

War Has Curtailed Work As Mission To Seamen And As Sailors' Home

"At the end of 1939, we reported that more seamen than in any previous year had been accommodated in the Institute, that the fullest use had been made of its many amenities and that we could look to the future without misgiving," writes the Rev. Cyril Brown, M. A., Chaplain of the SAILORS' HOME AND MISSIONS TO SEAMEN, in his Report for 1940.

"The war, however, has seriously curtailed both our work as a Mission to Seamen and as a Sailors' Home, nor is there any present indication other than that the volume of British deep sea shipping trading to the Far East will be still further reduced."

"As these dark war-time days go by, we have all too frequent news of ships and men, we shall see no more. Yet the memory of those we have known and welcomed here, must surely remind us that our duty to their successors in happier times, IS TO MAINTAIN THE WORK FOR WHICH WE ARE RESPONSIBLE."

The Report then gives details of changes in the Staff and alterations made to the building. Dealing with the question of "Divine Services," the Rev. Cyril Brown points out that as vessels of the merchant navy are not kept in port on Sundays large congregations at the Services could seldom be expected.

The Social side of the work consisted of bathing picnics in the motor launch Dayspring to Junk Bay, dances in the winter; cinema shows and car drives around the Island and New Territories. Open house was kept on Christmas eve when "about 100 seafarers enjoyed an excellent dinner and entertainment" as well as receiving a parcel of useful gifts each.

During the year under review 104 hospital visits were made. Thanks are expressed to those who sent parcels of books and



TSINGHUA ANNIVERSARY

In observance of the 30th anniversary of its establishment, which falls on April 29, the National Tsinghua University held a commemorative meeting in Kuning, attended by a large number of the alumni from various places. The University will hold an academic discussion week, during which addresses on philosophy, history, geography, engineering and other subjects will be delivered by specialists in their respective fields. Prominent among those to speak are Dr. Wong Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs and eminent geologist, Mr. Hsiung Tich, Sheng Chu-lu and others.

Originally located at Peking, the University was first removed to Hunan shortly after the outbreak of the current hostilities. Later it was transferred here and in conjunction with the National Peking University and Nankai University formed the present Southwest Associated University. (Central News).

WILL NEVER STOP IMPROVING MALAYA'S DEFENCES

SINGAPORE, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—"We shall never stop improving Malaya's defences and I am not going to sleep nor shall I let anybody else sleep. Even as the defences stand today we should put up a jolly good show against anybody and I am perfectly confident that we should win," said AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE FAR EAST to Pressmen today.

Sir Robert said, "After a sober analysis of any possible opponent's difficulties, we are confident that they will be in for a squeaky time if they attacked Malaya."

Pointing to a map on the wall, the C-in-C explained why Malaya, Sumatra, D.E.I., Borneo and Australasia must be considered strategically as one unit. He expressed the opinion that the menace to Malaya has not worsened recently, but the position might change within a matter of 24 hours. He also expressed the opinion that the position of the Balkans and the Mediterranean will not have much effect on Malaya unless the Suez was captured.

DUTCH AIR FORCE

He was satisfied that the D.E.I. would fight against the aggressor and put up a good fight and would not listen to any specious promises of the Axis Powers. Paying particular tribute to the D.E.I. air force, the C-in-C said that he would rate their fighter and bomber squadrons equally as good as the R.A.F.

Questioned as to whether he thought the enemy might bypass Malaya and attack Eastern Australia, Sir Robert said he had not thought this strategically practical as such a force would meet opposition over thousands of miles of sea lanes and when it reached its destination, and owing to the huge naval force of transports, etc., required, would be vulnerable.

The C-in-C disclosed that his recent meeting with the Dutch Premier, Dr. van Kieffens, in Manila, was a "pure coincidence."

TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS WON BY LAMBERT SIMNEL

NEWMARKET, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The Two Thousand Guineas, run today, resulted as follows:—

Lambert Simnel 1st, Morogoro 2nd, and Sun Castle 3rd. The second war-time turf classic of the season opened with a surprise when the Duke of Westminster's outsider, Lambert Simnel, ridden by Charles Elliott, resisted the terrific finishing burst in the last uphill furlong to beat the Maharani Sahab of Kholapur's Morogoro by two lengths.

Lord Portal's Sun Castle, greatly fancied in many quarters to win the Derby was third, a further one-and-a-half lengths behind.

GRUELLING COURSE

Lambert Simnel went ahead at the half-way stage of what is considered to be one of the most gruelling mile courses and held the lead until the finish, covering the distance in 1 min. 42.3/5 secs.

It was Elliott's fourth Two Thousand Guineas success and he repeated the victory of last year on the French colt, Djebel. The betting was 10/1 Lambert Simnel, 100/30 Morogoro, 100/7 Sun Castle.

Owen Tudor, ridden by the champion, Gordon Richards, started favourite at 11/4, but finished fifth.

Rembrandt For Gallery Goes Down With Ship

Highly recommended by Sir Lionel Lindsay as the "greatest of all crucifixions," a Rembrandt etching, Three Crosses, shipped to the National Gallery of Victoria, has been lost at sea as the result of enemy action.

The trustees at their monthly meeting received this information from the secretary of the Felton Bequest's committee.

The etching was insured for £880 sterling. This money will be recovered by the bequest. Books valued at about £120 were also lost.

Another Rembrandt etching, Christ Presented to the People, valued at about the same amount, has arrived safely in Melbourne.

The lost plate was the largest etching by Rembrandt and measured approximately 15 1/2 in. by 13 1/2 in. Proofs of the plate are extremely rare and since 1755 26 only have been catalogued as going on the market.

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King yesterday received the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, at Buckingham Palace, and also the First Sea Lord Admiral Sir Dudley Pound.

Over 42 Thousand Tons Of Enemy Shipping Sunk By Bomber Command Planes

OVER 42,000 TONS OF ENEMY SHIPPING HAVE BEEN SUNK OR DAMAGED DURING APR. 17 TO 23 by aircraft of the Bomber Command in daylight operations over enemy waters from Norway toward France. Reuter learns in well-informed circles in London.

Overtaxed German railways, it is stated, are badly congested and the enemy had been forced to turn more and more to shipping as the means of transporting goods.

Tankers, freighters and barges had been sighted by R.A.F. sneaking down the coasts of Germany and occupied territories in ever-increasing numbers and the Bomber Command had been busy making this route as dangerous and costly as possible to the enemy.

Many ships, hit by bombs, were afloat when last seen and will probably never reach port and even if they did it would be some time before they could be put into service.

ON HEAVY SCALE

The British raid on Mannheim on Tuesday night was on a heavy scale. It is stated that British bombers attacked "in force."

\$200 FINE FOR RICE DEALER

Preferring not to claim trial, Quah Kee Beng, proprietor of Chop Hong Guan Chan in Beach Street, was fined \$200, in default, two months' rigorous imprisonment, by Mr. Lim Koon Teck in the Third Court, Perang, on a summons charge of selling two bags of parboiled rice at \$9.90 per bag when the maximum price was \$9.10.

Mr. J. A. Parker of the Customs Department, who prosecuted, informed the court that about 4.10 p.m. on Mar. 24 this year, a rice officer accompanied Mr. Abdul Kader of Kepala Batas to the defendant's shop. The latter purchased two bags of rice there. Defendant was a wholesale rice dealer.

Mr. T. E. Conaghan, counsel for the defence, pleaded leniency for his client. He said that the sale was effected by the defendant's assistant. The defendant was not in the shop at the time.

PLYMOUTH AGAIN Plymouth was raided for the fifth time in nine days on Tuesday night. It is feared that casualties are high.

Three German bombers were destroyed by British fighters during Tuesday night's raids on Britain, states a communique issued by the Air Ministry.

Referring to the raids, it says: "A town in South-West England was severely raided and a number of fires started. It is feared that casualties may prove heavy and that a large number of persons lost their lives."

Bombs were also dropped at other points of south-west and Southern England, East Anglia and South Wales.

"Some damage was done and at one place in South Wales, there was a number of casualties and some persons were killed."

87 PLANES DESTROYED Seven enemy aircraft were shot down in Tuesday night's raid on Britain. For the whole of April, 87 enemy machines were destroyed. (The previous record was 47 in March).

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AUCTIONEERS.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Apr. 29:— Cholera, two cases; Diphtheria, one case; Dysentery, five cases; Enteric Fever, three cases; Measles, one case; Tuberculosis, 34 cases.

BONUS ON NEW SHARES

MACAO ELECTRIC LIGHTING CO.

A dividend of \$1.50 and a bonus of 50 cents on the old shares, and a dividend of 75 cents with a bonus of 25 cents on the new shares, were recommended by the Board of Directors of the Macao Electric Lighting Co., Ltd., at the annual meeting held at the offices of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews yesterday.

Mr. F. J. Gellion was in the Chair. Among those present were Messrs. N. G. Beale, H. N. da Silva, G. G. N. Tinson and J. Fleming.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

In presenting the annual report and statement of accounts, the Chairman said, in part:—

The net profit for the year, after providing for depreciation, which amounted to \$113,124.53, was \$321,034.40, which together with the sum of \$120,243.53 brought forward from the year 1939, makes the amount available for appropriation \$441,277.92. From this, it is proposed to pay a dividend of \$1.50 per share and a bonus of \$0.50 on the 90,000 old shares which will absorb \$180,000 and to pay a dividend of \$0.75 and bonus of \$0.25 on the 43,938 "new" shares, which will absorb a total of \$43,938. To pay to the Government of Macao 5 per cent. on amounts distributed as Dividend and Bonus, in terms of Clause 15 of Extension Contract—\$11,198.90; to transfer to General Reserve Account \$100,000, and to carry forward to 1941's account \$106,143.02. The total kWh. sold for the year 1940 was about 10 per cent. more than the previous year, thereby establishing a new record and the number of consumers increased by about the same proportion. Unfortunately, our operating costs were considerably increased due to the increase in the price of fuel oil, this item alone amounted to over one lakh. The other operating and administrative expenses

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

JUNKMASTER FINED

A fine of \$500 was imposed by Major A.N. Macfadyen yesterday on Chan Hei-fu, 41, master of junk No. T3218H, for possession of 48 letters on board his junk in Shaikwan Harbour on Apr. 28 for the purpose of conveying out of the Colony other than by post, which offence is a breach of the Defence Regulations.

Mr. D.C.W. Flitches, Superintendent of Mails, who prosecuted, said that the letters were found on board the junk during a routine search by a party of Police headed by Sgt. W.L. Kinloch.

MURDER CHARGE

Committal proceedings against So Shing, 23, odd job scraper, on a charge of murder of Police Constable D187, Wang Teh-shing, will be heard before Mr. G. T. Lowry at 2.30 p.m. on May 7.

Det.-Insp. L. R. Whant is in charge of the case.

DEMANDING WITH MENACES

See To-chau, unemployed, was sentenced by Major Macfadyen yesterday to 12 weeks' hard labour on two counts of demanding with menaces.

Defendant admitted three previous convictions.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers prosecuted.

C. N. A. C. MANAGER FINED

The Manager of the China National Aviation Corporation, Gloucester Arcade, was fined \$50 by Mr. Sheldon, K. C., yesterday for failing to furnish a list of non-Chinese passengers' names within 48 hours of their departure from the Colony on Mar. 31.

Sgt. J. Hill, of the Special Branch, said that the Corporation had a clear record.

According to defendant, the omission was due to lack of co-operation between two departments.

COMMITTED TO SESSIONS

Hui Man, 35, was sent for trial by Mr. Lowry on charges of unlawful possession of a mixture of two ounces of diacetylmorphine, commonly known as diamorphine or heroin dangerous drugs, and of 11,500 heroin pills at No. 12, Yuk Sau Street, ground floor, on Mar. 27, when committal proceedings of the case was concluded yesterday. Defendant was represented by Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau, while the prosecution was conducted by Revenue Officer W. V. Ahern.

RETURNED BANISHEE

Banished on Jan. 20 for 10 years, Chan Sam, 19, unemployed, returned and was charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday with breach of the deportation order. He was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Defendant was originally charged with stealing a fountain pen from the person of Mr. H. M. Shaft, of the Murray Barracks, at Ice House Street on Apr. 23. He pleaded not guilty to the charge, which was subsequently withdrawn.

It was stated that defendant had two previous convictions for larceny from the person.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers prosecuted.

THEFT OF WOOD OIL

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday, Leung Woon, 20, coolie, of no fixed abode, was charged with theft of 120 caddies of wood oil, valued at \$180, and was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

Sgt. W. McLeod prosecuted and said that defendant's employer, Kwong Cheung, went into his No. 5 Godown at No. 402, Des Voeux Road West, ground floor, at 12.30 a.m. on Apr. 27 and found defendant locked up inside. He asked him what he was doing there at that hour of the night whereupon he (defendant) admitted that he was stealing some oil.

SEAMAN SENT TO PRISON

A seaman of the Hongkong and Yammatt Ferry Company's steam launch "Man On," Tam Ka, 20, was sentenced to two weeks' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing some brass parts of a stairway from the Cheung Chau Ferry Wharf, Connaught Road West, on Apr. 29.

Prosecuting, Sgt. W. McLeod said that at 7.15 a.m. on the day in question, defendant was seen, carrying a paper parcel in Canton Road by a district watchman. The parcel was opened and found to contain the stolen articles.

Defendant stated that he was employed by the company at \$5 a month.

AT KOWLOON

UNREGISTERED WARDS

Convicted of failing to give notice to the S.C.A. of possession of three wards, Choi Yuet, 22, residing at No. 23, Tai Nam Street, first floor, was fined \$30 by Mr. H.C. Macnamara yesterday. Inspector H. W. Fraser said that one of the lady inspectors visited the third floor of the address as a result of the information received. On her way out she happened to see three girls on the first floor and she took them back to the S.C.A.

Defendant stated that the first girl was brought to her from Chinese territories owing to the war. The second girl was brought from Macao by her grand-father and the third one was presented to her by the mother of the child.

Insp. Fraser said that they were well-treated, and there was no money connected in the transaction of the three girls.

HEARING FIXED

Alleged to have been armed with a knife and robbing a hawker, Li Luk, of 17 rolls of black pongee silk cloth at Yau-mat on April 24, Lau Kwong, 20, Chan Luk, 20, and Lam Siu-mui, 17, a woman, were charged before Mr. Macnamara yesterday with robbery by two of more.

Hearing was fixed for May 7 at 2.30 p.m.

Det.-Sgt. N.E. Fraser was in charge of the case.

INTOXICATING LIQUOR

Yip Wok-ching, of the Sun Sun Hotel, Nathan Road, was summoned before Mr. Macnamara yesterday for selling to five Europeans intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises other than the dining room not in conjunction with a bona fide meal.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty to the summons, was cautioned.

Inspector A. V. Baker was in charge of the summons.

SOLDIER CHARGED

Hearing of the case in which Thomas John Milroy, 27, of the Middlesex Regiment, (Tsang Wing-fuk, 45, and Lo Lai-tong, 21, were charged with demanding money with menaces from villagers at Kowloon City, was continued before Mr. Anderson yesterday.

In evidence, Tsang denied he had knowledge of the allegations. He stated that he was only taking Milroy to Kowloon City to look for some girls.

Tam Kam-ming, of No. 30, Wing Wo Street, said that on Apr. 27, Tsang did not leave him before one o'clock in the afternoon. He

DR. SALAZAR AND THE PORTUGUESE BUDGETS

It was on April 27, 1928, that DR. ANTONIO DE OLIVEIRA SALAZAR was appointed PRIME MINISTER OF PORTUGAL. He accepted this high post in order to help Portugal to "put the house in order," for, it was well-known that the Budgets had been showing adverse balances, without any apparent possibility of remedying this sad state of affairs.

Dr. Salazar required that sufficient time be given him, so as to produce good results, because he could not be hurried in such an important and stupendous work, as the re-organisation of the Portuguese finances, in order that they may produce satisfactory results; that is to say, to change the debit balances into positive credit balances in the final closing of the accounts from year to year.

CURTAILING EXPENDITURE

In order to obtain this wonderful result, very serious considerations had to be made to curtail, as much as possible, all the expenses, which could be so dealt with. The absolute co-operation of the Portuguese people, lent a valuable helping hand to achieve these marvellous results.

Both the Prime Minister and the Portuguese Nation have ample reason to feel proud of their joint work; but if such results had been attained, it was mainly due to the untiring energy, unselfish work and great patriotism of the Prime Minister, "par excellence."

William Pitt, Lord Beaconsfield, Lord Palmerston, Lord Asquith, Lloyd George, many French Ministers and those of other countries, had their arduous duties before them; but none of them acquitted himself better than did Dr. Salazar in this work of reorganising successfully the country's finances. His sound principles or doctrines bore results that nobody had thought to be possible, in the resurgence of Portugal's finances. Above all, he was a practical man and not, given to "dreams," however beautiful they might have been. Infalible principles were adopted by him with the wonderful results, achieved in the country's finances.

HIGH COST OF LIVING

After the adverse balances had been seen to with such a phenomenal success, Dr. Salazar betook

himself to the task of lowering the high cost of living in Portugal, which had risen to about forty times that of the year 1914. This was stabilised to a point, twenty-five times of the said 1914 cost of living in Portugal.

In the meantime, the fiduciary system of Portugal had suffered a brisk downfall, barring the years 1912 and 1914, which had shown only a small transitory reaction. However, the total deficit from the year 1910-1911 to 1927-1928, was very large indeed, and the inflation set in, in the Treasury commitments, was to be expected. Recourse to foreign loans was not very successful; therefore, a sane treasury administration, based on soundest and most practical principles had to be adopted; and this was one of the chief labours of Dr. Salazar's.

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TRUE STATE SHOWN

The first Budget, showing a favourable balance, appeared for the year 1928-1929. It showed a true state of the country's financial position. It was to be the precursor of the other favourable balance-sheets, that were to follow. For these most wonderful results, the great work of Dr. Salazar stands most prominently. The whole Portuguese Nation is, therefore, most sincerely grateful to the untiring efforts of Dr. Salazar,

which have achieved such unparalleled success.

May this great success be followed, in future years. This is the most ardent wish of the whole Portuguese Nation, as well as that of all the well-wishers of Portugal.

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Yours truly,
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Nerves were in a Terrible Way — 'ASPRO' a Surprise

1 Garden Street, Middle Brighton, S.S.
15/12/32
Dear Sir,
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Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) Mrs. E. VIVIAN

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
APRIL 30, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/3 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/3 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 460	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 53 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 102 1/2	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, and demand 32 5/8	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 7/8	
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 5/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 44 3/4	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 103 1/2	
On Manila:—	
On demand 47 3/4	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 149 1/2	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate ... Now.	
Bar Silver, per oz. 23 1/2	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Wednesday, April 30.
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for both Ready and Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being steady. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 up to June, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

No business was reported. There were sellers at 24 1/16 for near up to June, buyers at 24 5/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 469 1/2 with business done subsequently at 470. Later transactions were also arranged at 469 3/4 for near. The market closed with sellers at 469 1/2, buyers at 469 3/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened with sellers of Sterling at 3 1/16 and then receded to 3 11/64. At the close there were sellers again at 3 1/16 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 5/32 and then dropped to 5 1/8 for Spot. There were sellers again at the close at 5 5/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Apr. 30 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-1/8	5-1/8
New York	0/3-3/16	21-3/4
Japan	0/3-3/16	17-1/4
India	0/3-3/16	20-3/4
Paris	0/3-3/16	20-3/4
Hongkong	0/3-3/16	20-3/4

Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-3/16	0/3-3/16
Apr.	0/3-3/16	0/3-3/16
May	0/3-3/16	0/3-3/16
U.S. Dollars		
Spot	\$5-5/32	\$5-5/32
Apr.	\$5-5/32	\$5-5/32
May	\$5-5/32	\$5-5/32
Market	Quiet	

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2 1/2d.
The Equalisation rate was 24 1/2 per cent.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Apr. 29 (Reuter).
Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 64-01-0.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Apr. 29 (Reuter).
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/8

LONDON GOLD

London, Apr. 29 (Reuter).
Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 166/-

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, April 29, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	11.30	11.13	11.14	13 up
New York Rubber, May	23.70	23.05	23.05	45 up
Chicago Wheat, May	92	91	91 1/2	1 off
Chicago Corn, May	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	1 up
New York Hides, June	13.99	13.82	13.93	11 off

Total sales Monday:—79,300 bales.

The last trading day for May cotton is May 16.

	Close	Change
May	11.14/14	13 up
July	11.19/19	14 up
October	11.21/21	13 up
December	11.21/21	15 up
January	11.17/19	14 up
March	11.20/20	16 up
Spot	11.34	13 up

Total sales for the day:—590 tons.

The First Notice Day for May rubber is April 29 and last trading day is May 27.

	Close	Change
May	23.05/05	45 up
July (New contract)	22.50/54	49 up
September	22.00/00	50 up
December	21.70/00	45 up

Monday's sales:—15,479,000 bushels.

	Close	Change
May	91 1/2/91 1/2	1 off
July	89 1/2/89 1/2	1 up
September	89 1/2/89 1/2	1 up

Monday's sales:—15,479,000 bushels.

	Close	Change
May	68 1/2/68 1/2	1 up
July	68 1/2/68 1/2	1 off
September	68 1/2/68 1/2	1 up

Total sales for the day:—65 lots.

	Close	Change
May	7.09 N	11 up
July	7.20 N	11 up
September	7.20 N	11 up

The last trading day for May cocoa is May 22.

	Close	Change
May	2.42b/44a	unch.
July	2.42b/44a	01 off
September	2.42b/44a	01 off

Volume of business done:—104 lots.

	Close	Change
May	7.09 N	11 up
July	7.20 N	11 up
September	7.20 N	11 up

The last trading day for No. 3 Sugar is May 23.

	Close	Change
May	7.09 N	11 up
July	7.20 N	11 up
September	7.20 N	11 up

Volume of business done:—149 lots.

	Close	Change
May	7.09 N	11 up
July	7.20 N	11 up
September	7.20 N	11 up

The last trading day for No. 4 Sugar is May 1.

	Close	Change
May	7.09 N	11 up
July	7.20 N	11 up
September	7.20 N	11 up

Volume of business done:—149 lots.

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May	7.09 N	11 up
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September	7.20 N	11 up

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

APRIL 30, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	Apr. 29	Kennecott Copper	Apr. 29
Allegheny Steel Co.	21	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	32 1/2
Am. Can.	25 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	22
American Cyanamid Co.	80 1/2	Loew's Inc.	50 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	35 1/2	Martin, Glenn L.	27 1/2
Amer. Radiator	12 1/2	Montgomery Ward	31 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	18 1/2	National Aviation	7 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	15 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	153	National Distillers	17 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	68	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	44	National Supply Corp.	5
Anaconda Copper	23 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	12 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	27 1/2	N. American Aviation	13 1/2
Aviation Corp.	24	Northern Pacific	64
Baldwin Locomotive	13 1/2	Packard Motors	21
Baltimore & Ohio	38	Paramount Pictures	11 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	24
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	39 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	70 1/2	Pullman Inc.	24
Bliss & Co.	14 1/2	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	13 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	3 1/2
Borg-Warner	18 1/2	Reading Company, Com.	14 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	19	Remington Arms Co. Inc.	44 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	31	Republic Aviation Corp.	32
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	34	Republic Steel	17 1/2
Celanese	21 1/2	Reynolds Tobacco "B"	30
Chesapeake & Ohio	38 1/2	Schenley Distillers	94
Chrysler Corp.	58 1/2	Shell Union Oil	12 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	24	Socony-Vacuum Oil	94
Commercial Credit Co.	25 1/2	Southern Pacific	11 1/2
Consolidated Edison	19 1/2	Southern Ry. 55 pf.	24 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	23 1/2
Copperweld Steel	14 1/2	Standard Brands	54
Curtis Wright (C)	8 1/2	Stand. Gas & Elec.	3
Douglas Aircraft	69	Standard Oil of N.J.	35
Du Pont de Nemours	140 1/2	Studebaker Com.	54
Eagle Picher Lead	7 1/2	Swift International	17 1/2
Elec. Autolite	26 1/2	Technicolor	8 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	2 1/2	Texas Corp.	37 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 55 pf.	56 1/2	Trans-America Co.	41
Elec. Bond & Share 56 pf.	56 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	52
Elec. Power & Light 37 pf.	34 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2
Flintkote	12 1/2	Union Pacific	79
Gen. Electric	29 1/2	United Aircraft	37 1/2
Gen. Motors	38	United Airlines Trans.	11 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	11 1/2	United Corp.	1
Gen. Tire & Rubber	10 1/2	United Corp. 55 cum pf.	21
Goodrich (B.F.)	12 1/2	United Gas Improvement	7
Goodyear Tire & Co.	17	U.S. Rubber	21
Great Northern Iron Ore	13 1/2	U.S. Steel	52 1/2
Great Northern Ry. pf.	28 1/2	Vanadium	24 1/2
Great Western Sugar	23	Vulcan Aircraft	5 1/2
Int. Nickel	28	Walworth Co.	44
Int. Paper & Power	13 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	34
Int. Tel. & Tel.	21	Westinghouse Elec.	89 1/2
Johnsman	58 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	26
		Chase National Bank	—
		National City Bank	—
		Libby, McNeill & Libby	—

DOW JONES AVERAGE

	1940/41	Apr. 29, 1941	Change
High	162.80	111.64	118.73
Low	111.64	118.73	10 up
Dow Jones Averages	118.73	118.73	10 up
Industrials	28.67	28.65	28.76
Rails	26.45	18.07	18.15
Utilities	26.45	18.07	18.15
Bonds	93.19	93.08	91.85
Commodity Index	64.07	48.74	63.88
			37 up

Business Done:—510,000 shares

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Apr. 29 (Reuter).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle

Price, 2289-3/8.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle

Price, 2286-7/8.

Market barely steady and again

eased with dull and easy American

cables and Ministry's further

reduction in price, but decline at

tracted support. Ministry sold

cash at reduced limit. After hours

—50 tons at unchanged prices.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The

Stock Exchange was colourless

except for Gilt-edged which further

advanced on all-round demand.

Home Rails, Industrials and Oils

were firmly held but business and

price changes were trifling. Kaf-

irs improved on early Cape sup-

port and Diamonds were firm.

Japanese Bonds receded slightly

but Chinese Customs Loans im-

proved.

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A.R.P. ORDERS

APRIL 30, 1941

A.R.P. Orders issued by Wing Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

The following Warden have been permitted to resign:-
Yaumati-2208 Miss Lok Kam-shan, 2219 Shu Siu-yuen, Central-492 Miss Cheng May-ching, Western-1833 Au Kwai-lam.

The following Warden has been struck off the strength:-
Kowloon City-2089 Luk Ching-kit.

The following Wardens have been dismissed for inefficiency:-
Yaumati-2267 Sung Wai-hon, 2269 Fung Yat.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Central-2852 Lau Yiu-tung (E) to 6 Des Voeux Rd. C. 4th floor, Room 52, 547 So Yick, 548 So Woon, 549 So Hon, 604 So Lee (of Upper Levels) to 1 Coronation Terrace, 2nd floor, Upper Levels-3601 Miss Yan Ho-yuk (W) to 51 "D", Conduit Road, Western-119 Miss Wong Wai-chung (U.L.) to 7 "F", St. 3rd floor, Mongkok-3613 Wong Hoo (W) to 31 Pine St. ground floor.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are notified with effect from April 30, 1941. Group Warden 421 Kwok Wai-ki, L.A.R.P.S., to be Deputy District Warden, District "E", Central.

Gas Identification Service, Professor G. T. Byrne, M.Sc., F.R.C., to be Gas Adviser with rank of Head Warden. Mr. S. S. Harris, to be Senior Gas Adviser with rank of Divisional Warden.

The following are the Gas Identification Officers with rank of District Wardens-Miss E. Kelly, B.Sc., Miss Rui Wai-han, Chan Chai-lam, Cheng Yum-tung, V. A. Hak, J. Kuril, and P. Tichopad.

RELINQUISHMENT OF APPOINTMENT

Miss E. Kelly, B.Sc., relinquishes her appointment as District Warden "D", Aberdeen, on becoming a Gas Identification Officer.

PROMOTIONS

The following promotions are notified with effect from April 30:-
Central, To be Acting Dep./G. Warden-147 Dep. S/W Wong Wai-hing. To be Senior Wardens-1918 Dep. S/W Chung Kam-woon, 134 Dep. S/W Shum Ching-wah. To be Deputy Senior Wardens-142 Yuen Lin-chun, 3574 Ng Shiu-wing, 2642 Wong Kam-hon, 3333 Chan Hong-cheung, 3038 Tsang Man-hung, 108 Chow Chi-cheong, 149 Chan Wai-sing, 167 Tong Shiu-lun, 227 Tsang Hung-fai, 166 Lee Yue-hang, 3555 Cheng Chik-tin, 1637 Tsang Tok, Shamshuipo. To be Group Warden-1833 S/W R. K. C. Lau, L.A.R.P.S. To be Acting Group Wardens-1892 S/W Miss Yau Kwai-fung, 2000 S/W Chow Yung-ang. To be Senior Warden-1879 Dep. S/W Mrs. C. Leonard, Yaumati-2204 S/W C. V. F. da Rosa, to be Group Warden.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Shamshuipo-2443 V. Lim 2 months' leave granted. Gough Hill-1508 Kay Neekelman, 6 weeks' leave granted. Eastern-District Warden Ho Tse-kin two months' sick leave. Central-Deputy District Warden Kwong Tze-sang, two months' sick leave.

REVERSIONS

Eastern-S/W 708 Tam Shing-kai reverts to rank of Deputy Senior Warden at his own request. Western-Dep. S/W 1078 Lee Shiu-cheung reverts to rank of Warden at his own request. Central-Deputy District Warden Kwong Tze-sang reverts to rank of Warden at his own request.

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EXERCISES

The Director of Air Raid Precautions will inspect the Wardens' Post in Districts "A", "B" and "C" of Aberdeen Division at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday, May 4.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

The following have qualified as Wardens, and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:-

Yaumati-3797 Chiu Yin, 3798 Kong Do-man, 3799 Miss Leung Gook-ying, 3801 R. Leung, 3802 Miss Ma Shu-hing, 3803 Ng Chi-chiu, 3804 Poon Kam-kwan, 3805 Wong Kwok-leung, 3806 Chiu Yuen-fu, 3821 Chan Hon-wing, 3822 Chan Yiu-man, 3808 Cheung Chung-ling, 3823 Fung Wai, 3824 Fung Wan-chi, 3807 Jim Chun-wah, 3806 Mak Chor-kin, 3826 Miss Mok Tak-shing, 3810 Yip Chow-ching, 3825 Ho Sai-kit, Mongkok-3733 Miss Chan, 3735 Miss Fung Wai-see, 1886 Sze To-yue, Shamshuipo-3121 Miss A. Cheung, 1847 Miss Kwan Yui-ying, 3744 Lung Sheung-lim, 1917 Lau

EXAMINATION RESULTS

At an examination held recently, the following qualified as Wardens but are not available for A.R.P. Service:-
Fung Mun-chau, Ip Kai-sun, and Ng Sai-man.

(Sgd.) B. H. PUCKLE,
Deputy Director of A.R.P.

LONDON RAID FREE

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter) —

For the third successive night London had no alert up to a late hour last night but some bombs were dropped in a district in East Anglia and enemy aircraft were reported over the south-west coast of England.

So, 1967 F. Ng. Hung Hom. — 2364 Cheung Toh-fan.

The following have qualified as Telephoneists and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:-

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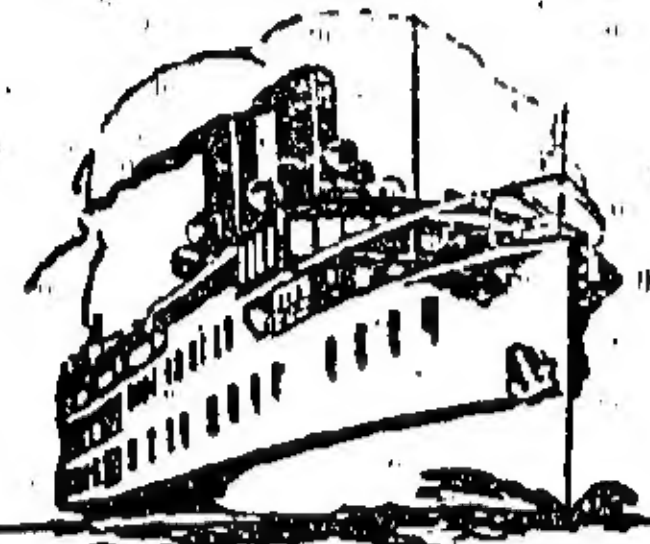
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Work On Company's Garden Estate Progressing

In spite of conditions affecting prices of materials rather adversely, building and development work on the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co.'s Garden Estate in Kowloon has proceeded steadily in the past twelve months, it was revealed yesterday at the annual meeting of the Company held at the offices of Messrs. Sir Ely Kadoorie and Sons, St. George's Building.

The Chairman, Mr. J. P. Braga, in his speech, stated that application had been made to the Government, in terms of the Conditions of Sale, for Crown leases in respect of 23 houses on the estate. Thirty-seven houses were now completed and rented under lease and two blocks of apartment buildings, to be known as "St. George's Mansions" on Argyle Street were soon to be ready for occupation.

Mr. J. P. Braga was in the Chair, supported by Messrs. J. Scott Harston, M. H. Lo and L. Kadoorie, Directors, Mr. H. Braga, General Works Manager, and Mr. B. Alves, Secretary. Shareholders present were the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Messrs. A. M. Braga and E. Sahmet.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the accounts as submitted to you present no new features. There is a balance of \$4,650.81 in the Profit and Loss Account, arrived at after charging \$122,927.38 for Depreciation and providing for Directors' and Auditors' Fees, and Corporation Profits Tax for 1941/1942. The balance has been transferred to the Balance Sheet.

The credit aggregate will, therefore, be the sum of \$8,798.28. The formal proposal that will be submitted to you for dealing with this credit balance is that it be carried forward to a new account.

HIGHER OVERDRAFT

In the completed programme for the period under review will be found the explanation for the expenditure on Land and Buildings during the year or over half-a-million dollars, viz., \$576,796.28 to be exact; but the whole value since the inception of the scheme in a total of \$1,633,500. Accordingly, the Bank Overdraft appears rather higher than in the previous year, with a total of \$824,973.08.

MODERN APARTMENTS

The "St. George's Mansions," which will be modern in every respect, are in line with the imposing new Administration Building built by this Company for the China Light and Power Co. They form a striking addition to this particular district of Kowloon, which may well be regarded as the elite residential area on the mainland.

Your Directors have thought it fitting that, because of his close interest in the affairs of the Company, Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie should be invited to a seat on the Board in his own right. An invitation was extended to Mr. Kadoorie to join the Board in December last. I am glad to say the invitation was accepted. His appointment requires your confirmation today.

As usual, the Company received loyal and devoted service from the members of your Staff, to whom I must not fail to record the Board's cordial thanks.

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts as presented, the motion being seconded by Mr. J. Scott Harston.

DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED

The appointment of Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie to the Board of Directors was confirmed, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo being the proposer, and Mr. A. M. Braga seconding the motion.

Mr. M. H. Lo and Mr. J. Scott Harston were re-appointed Directors, Mr. L. Kadoorie proposing this motion and Mr. H. Braga seconding.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected Auditors on a proposal submitted by Mr. J. P. Braga, seconded by Mr. M. H. Lo.

SECRET DOCUMENTS REMOVED: CLERK CONVICTED

In the first prosecution of its kind in Australia, George Samuel McHutchison, 42, a temporary clerk in the Hings Branch, Victoria Barracks, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment in the City Court on three charges of having communicated secret documents to persons unauthorised to see them and of having worn a military uniform without authority.

During the hearing two men were referred to as Mr. X and Mr. Y.

The documents mentioned in the charges were the most important in the Commonwealth and one, containing matter which should be seen by very few people, was a file concerning the Chief of the General Staff and the Prime Minister, said the Commonwealth Prosecutor (Mr. C. B. Brown).

Mr. C. H. Auty, who appeared for McHutchison, said that although the documents bore secret stamps it should not be assumed that they were extremely secret. Apparently messenger boys could read these documents as they carried them from room to room and McHutchison was not "the only nigger in the wood-pile."

It might well be that there was a good deal of disorder in the Defence Department and this was a way of washing dirty linen in public said Mr. Auty.

At one stage Mr. Brown said that Document 56 was still missing and Mr. Mohr, P.M., said, "I have Document 56 here. It is pinned on the back of Document 54."

MR. X AND MR. Y

Outlining the evidence, Mr. Brown said McHutchison was a civilian clerk in the office of the Engineers Services Branch, Army Headquarters, Victoria Barracks. He had been employed there about 10 months after May 22 last year.

As a result of something Brigadier-General Murdoch said to him, Lieut.-Col. Davey had sent for McHutchison and a clerk named Giraud. When it was put to him McHutchison denied having altered the date on Document 54.

Giraud said to McHutchison, "I have seen you at various times passing documents and papers to Mr. X and another person."

Giraud, in evidence, said he had seen McHutchison pass an envelope in a surreptitious manner to a Mr. Y. Because of several incidents he was suspicious of McHutchison, Mr. X and Mr. Y.

SAW SECRET SHEET

Alfred Dudley Titheridge, Burwood-rd., Hawthorn, an engineer

of the State Electricity Commission, said McHutchison frequently visited his home and one day showed him the second sheet of secret Document 51 produced in court.

In January McHutchison showed him the second sheet of Document 53, which was signed by the Chief of the General Staff. About February 21 he had produced Document 54 at his place.

Titheridge said he particularly remembered because of the time he was interested in certain movements and this document referred to certain places.

On February 28 McHutchison visited his home dressed as a major and wearing ribbons. On several nights they had had parties.

NO SUBVERSIVE INTENT

McHutchison, from the witness box, said he enlisted during the last war at the age of 17 and was still suffering from injuries he received.

Maladministration at the barracks, he declared, had got on his nerves. The department to which Mr. X belonged had a lot of business with his department, and although the two departments were only about three-quarters of a mile apart, it took five days for communications to go from one to the other.

He had met a senior clerk of Mr. X's department, who had said to him, "Can't we speed things up?" and he had said that "when we have got anything for you, Jim, I will ring."

"I have been a fool," he continued, "I could go to the war tomorrow I would go. I am sorry to have brought these men here to give evidence against me, but I am willing to pay the penalty."

He said he did not know why he showed the documents but he had had no subversive intent.

Mr. Auty said that since McHutchison had been buried in a shell hole in Flanders he had not developed. He was just a great big boy with an under-developed sense of responsibility and a delight in showing off.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 1st MAY, 1941.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—

Yunnan
Szechuen
Kweichow
Hunan
Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu)
Kwangsi
North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 28th April,	5th May
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 2nd May,	9th May

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

For	Date and Time
FRIDAY	
Air Mail by Air to Bangkok to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".	Fri. 2nd May K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
MONDAY	
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services".	Mon. 5th K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
FRIDAY	
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services".	Fri. 9th K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM

LONDON STALLS STOP PRESS BAN "SMUT"

Two big bookstall firms, Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son and Messrs. Wymans, have decided to stop displaying copies of certain paper-covered editions of novels.

They have done this following a request from the Bishop of London and his associates on the Public Morality Council.

The Council wants to stop the display and sale of the books.

It objects mainly to the somewhat lurid covers on most of the books, which tend to give the impression that the stories deal too much with sex.

These novels are written by American authors of the "nature in the raw" school of fiction.

CRUDE, BUT—

The one which set the Public Morality Council in action was called "No Orchids for Miss Blandish." Its cover showed a beautiful woman in the semi-nude.

"We have had letters from people all over the country about these new paper-backed novels, which sell at a shilling each," Mr. G. Tomlinson, secretary of the Council, said, "and we bought copies and read them all."

"I must say that while they were crude, strong stuff, they did not shock me so much as I thought they might do."

"We wrote to Messrs. W. H. Smith and Messrs. Wymans, and these firms agreed to stop displaying the books."

A representative of Messrs. W. H. Smith's told a reporter: "We don't want to offend the public, and if some people feel the covers of the books are offensive then we try to meet their wishes."

NOT CENSORS

"At the same time we do not set ourselves up as censors of public taste in literature, so we have told our bookstalls not to show the books any more, but to take orders for them if they are asked for."

A representative of Messrs. Rich and Cowan, who have brought out the latest book, called "He Won't Need It Now," with a red-headed girl in green on the cover, laughed when I saw him.

Profiteering Ramp Continues Despite Government Control

After nearly 13 months of controlled food prices in the Colony, some profiteering still exists. Outside controlled foodstuffs, and, especially in things called "luxuries," profiteering not only exists, but is definitely on the increase.

Things have come to such a head in Singapore that Government must step in to stop this racket on the part of unscrupulous "get-rich-quick" businessmen and merchants.

Daily complaints are received in the Malaya Tribune Office that would show the heartless methods employed by a certain type of businessman, who is determined to make his pile at the expense of buyers and whose sole excuse is the war.

To this person the war is a blessing and he would naturally be the last person to help in bringing the war to a successful conclusion. In fact, he is a fifth columnist, in a way!

Since the beginning of this year there have been more than 100 successful prosecutions against profiteers in the local courts.

They have been men who mostly overcharged on controlled foodstuffs and have been dealt with quite seriously in that they have been fined heavily. But has it proved a deterrent? The answer is definitely "NO." Is it, therefore, too much to suggest that the authorities treat future offenders more rigorously?

SEVERE PUNISHMENT

The scheme of controlled prices has been long enough in practice to overshadow any excuse of ignorance. When men profiteer at this stage, it is not unreasonable to assume that they are doing so deliberately, and, if so, it is generally agreed that the only punishment which would meet the case is rigorous imprisonment without the option of a fine.

Should the proper authorities adopt this form of punishment in future there is every hope of the situation improving.

Perhaps it may also prove to be the deterrent that would seem

But when the charge is unreasonably high, it hurts, and hurts still more that because of a wrong policy of the Government, nothing can be done to catch up with the "crook."

The "leave it or take it" attitude adopted by some of the merchants adds insult to injury.—(Malaya Tribune).

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